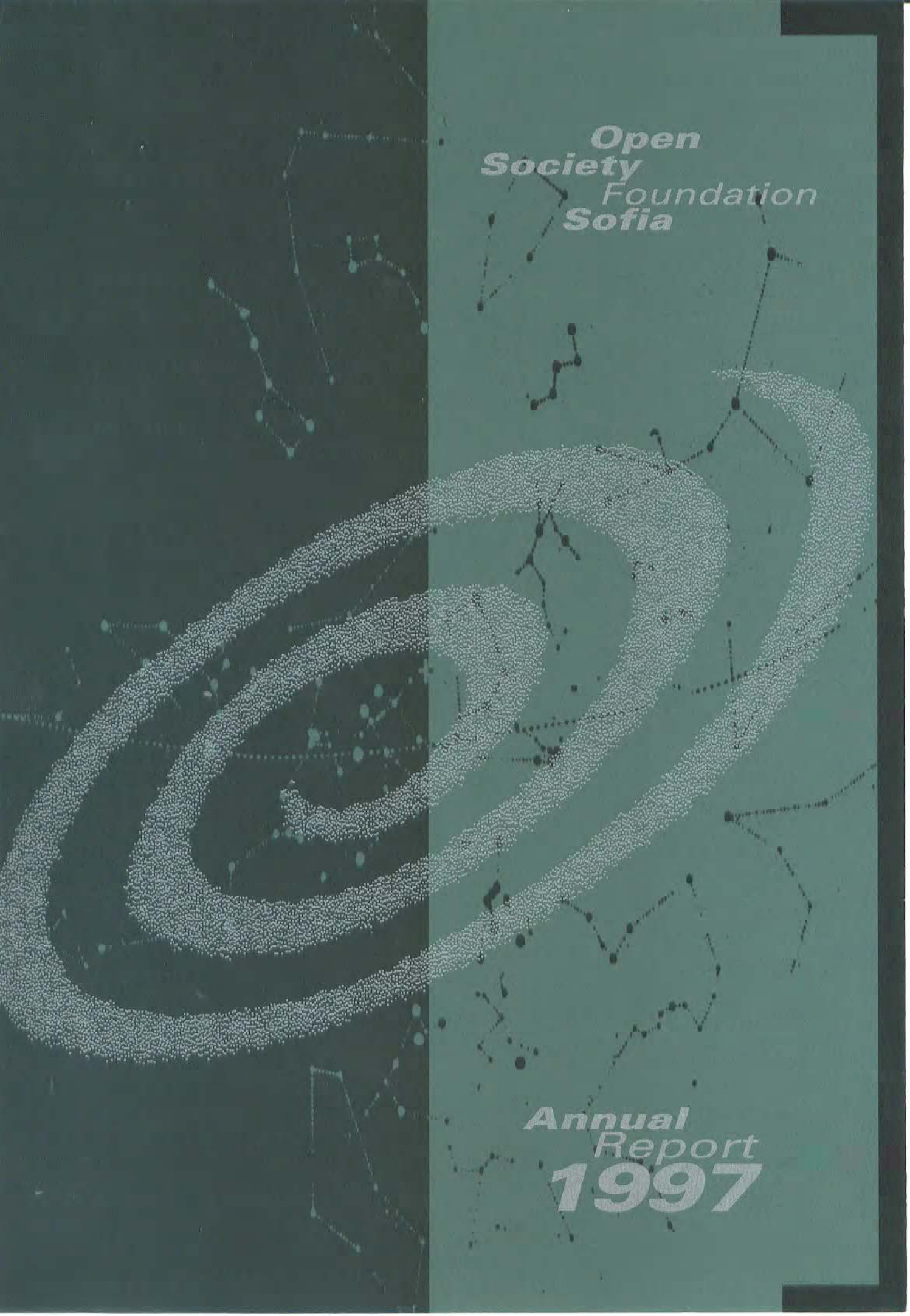


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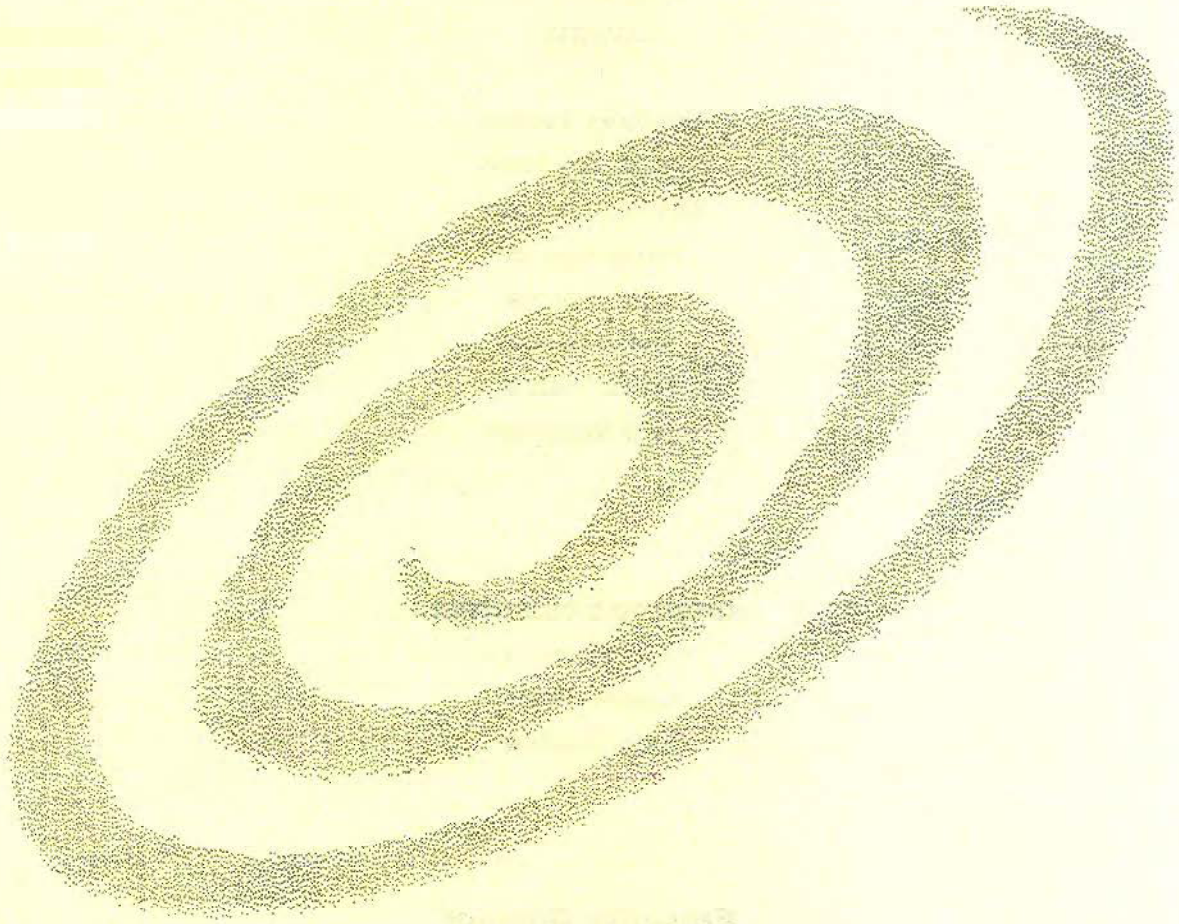
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THE OPEN SOCIETY FOUNDATION AND THE SOCIAL CONTRACT

Over the past several years, the Open Society Foundation – Sofia worked in an environment which was, to start with, difficult, as reform agendas became delegitimized after 1993 and society wavered in its determination to attain modern and open forms; it then became hostile, with large sections of the public attempting to return to an idealized version of communism, while the Socialist government launched a campaign against both the open society agenda and the Foundation in particular; and ultimately, at the beginning of 1997, it reached a point of eruption, with the public turning against the socialist experiments that had brought poverty and shortages. The public reached a new understanding of the need to attain a modern and open society, engaged in what amounted to a national civic uprising and elected a government of reform.

During 1993-4, the OSF, like other institutions and circles devoted to the attainment of an open society, was engaged in stimulating open mentalities and practices laterally. During that time, the government, business and the media were increasingly turning against such an agenda, and became involved in marginal, exotic agendas based on the continuation of the closed society in a new form (in the place of the one closed society which existed until 1989, a number of closed societies were being erected in an attempt to attain an oligarchy). During 1995-7, the OSF conducted what amounted to a holding operation, attempting to sustain the open society agenda (and further it on the ground, through its clubs and sympathetic independent NGOs), to engage in defensive initiatives against tremendous government and media pressure, and to support new civic initiatives and groups which formed around the open society agenda in resistance to the government's pressures.

During 1997, it became clear that both society and the government have broken with past waverings, illusions and fears, and were determined to restart the movement toward an open society. This means that the opportunities for decisive breakthroughs on this agenda are better today than they have been in living memory. In the early 1990s – the previous window of opportunity – neither the governments nor the public of that time had today's clarity and determination of purpose. Given the unique place which OSF – Sofia has won for itself in this country, the Foundation now has the chance to concentrate its efforts and increase its efficacy in the attainment of durable – and suitable for Bulgaria – forms of open society.

We performed well during the various emergencies of the past years: the "revolutionary moment," the attempt to return to the socialist past, the economic disaster and the humanitarian emergency, followed by the new popular ferment which produced today's social contract. The Foundation will now be concentrating on the gradual, everyday – even humdrum – business of making sure that the forms, institutions, mentalities and practices of open society become the norm in the lives of Bulgarians.

Evgenii Dainov

Chairman of the Board of Trustees

1997 – A YEAR OF CHANGE

The crucial developments in the political and economic situation in Bulgaria last year brought the OSF – Sofia a need to reorient its activities, in order to match the opportunities created by the new civic consciousness in the country.

Therefore, our priorities focused on facilitating legal reform, as well as developing and strengthening partnerships within the NGO community, along four main priority areas: protection of human and minority rights, social integration of marginalized groups, youth civic initiatives. and institutional support. Over 60 NGOs received grants from the Civil Society Fund, with the objective of addressing and eventually solving issues of national and regional importance. Support for the long-term project on the Rhodope Mountains as a Model of Tolerance in the Balkans continued in 1997, with extensive anthropological and historical research of the region. The expertise and experience that the Foundation gained as a result of its partnership with Bulgarian NGOs proved to be a valuable contribution to the joint initiative with the King Baudouin Foundation (Belgium) for studying cross-cultural communication in regions of mixed population.

In accordance with the changes in society, the activities of the Media Program gradually shifted from assisting independent newspapers, radio-stations and journalists toward the harmonization of media legislation with modern European standards, and encouraging the establishment and development of effective professional associations that can further promote freedom of speech and press. With our support, the Association of Bulgarian Broadcasters (ABBRO) was set up, and organized a broad public forum for discussing the hot issues around media legislation, with a focus on telecommunications licensing. Special attention was paid to introducing new forms of public involvement in civil society and minority issues. A number of radio programs and newspaper series produced by teams of journalists and local representatives of minority groups, contributed to this goal. The response to one such project, in the town of Silistra, was overwhelming: intense discussions and interviews filled a local newspaper and radio-station for 6 months.

Under the Roma Program, over 70 projects in the field of education, Roma students training, culture and projects of NGOs were supported.

The State and Law Fund provided a continuous support for the drafting of NGO legislation. A number of work sessions and open discussions, which brought together NGO leaders, legal experts, economists and government officials, resulted in the final draft of the NGO Act, which the OSF hopes will be passed by Parliament in 1998. This is a serious achievement by the Foundation, and a manifestation of civil consent. The State and Law Fund contributed to the development of an efficient judiciary, by supporting the introduction of new technologies in the work of law-enforcement and crime-prevention organs, and by financing the training of young lawyers.

A timely and significant competition was initiated by the Universities Fund, for drafting a project proposal on reforming university education in the Humanities. The projects of five Bulgarian universities, in the towns of Bourgas, Gabrovo, Shoumen and Sofia, received financial support from the Foundation. Further contribution to the field of educational reform was provided by several training courses in early foreign-language teaching, under the Foreign Language Teaching Program.

A very important stage in the overall development of the Foundation was completed in 1997: the final setting up of a nationwide network of 13 Open Society Clubs, integrated into this local communities, which identify local and international resources, foster open dialogue between NGOs and local authorities, and support regional projects. Three of the clubs (in Rousse, Sliven and Stara Zagora) have already started publishing newsletters on pressing social issues in their regions, and the club in Varna won a grant of 132,000 ECU for a project (*Comprehensive Strategy for Strengthening the NGOs in the Varna Region*) under the Phare Democracy Program. Over 650 projects were supported by the Clubs over the last year, priority being given to regional development, economic reform, local governance, education, youth, media and healthcare.

The Raina Kabaivanska Charity Fund, which supports gifted children in childcare institutions, managed to integrate 17 orphans into the "Rada Kirkovich" High School of Music in Plovdiv. During the humanitarian crisis in early 1997, the fund mobilized substantial resources for life-saving assistance and reacted quickly to the situation in the country, providing fuel, clothes, shoes, etc. for the orphans.

The Foundation as a whole accomplished the implementation of an emergency humanitarian assistance program of $1,300,000. The program included support for under-privileged university students, soup kitchens, emergency medical supplies to regional hospitals, and emergency humanitarian projects of local NGOs and the Open Society Clubs throughout the country. Later in the year, a nationwide humanitarian program for school meals was started, totaling USD 9 million. Under this program, nearly 200,000 primary and secondary school children received at least one meal per day in those parts of the country that were most affected by the economic collapse of 1996-97. The program will continue till the end of the school year.

The Soros Center for the Arts – Sofia grew up to its establishment in late 1997 as an independent institution supporting the development of contemporary Bulgarian visual and performing arts, music, and literature, and encouraging new forms of cultural exchange and partnership. The crash of the Bulgarian economy, the unwillingness and inability of the old artistic unions and societies to transform themselves into modern, flexible and responsive structures determined the role of the SCA – Sofia as a facilitator of the new rising cultural context, far from the exhausted conventionalities.

In our continuing efforts to create donor partnerships, during the second half of 1997 the Open Society Foundation – Sofia was contracted by the Delegation of the European

Union in Sofia to manage the Phare Democracy Microprojects Facility. OSF – Sofia's experience in working with EU institutions to facilitate contacts between local NGOs and the funding opportunities available from the European Commission was decisive in the awarding of the contract to the Foundation. 311 projects from all over the country have been submitted for consideration under this program.

In all our activities we aimed to overcome the discrepancy between developments in the countryside and the capital. One example is the network of 17 Open Society Regional Information Centers, which serve as that information on the Foundation's activities reaches all parts of the country. The Internet National Initiative completed a nationwide Internet backbone to educational institutions. OSF – Sofia managed to further respond to educational needs ranging from drafting new academic and school curricula to students' participation in academic management.

1997 was a year of change for the Open Society Foundation: decisive and crucial change, that will probably determine the year 1998 as a year of responsibility.

Georgi Genchev

Executive Director

FINANCIAL PROFILE OF THE ACTIVITY OF THE OPEN SOCIETY FOUNDATION – SOFIA THROUGHOUT 1997

The total budget granted by the Open Society Institute – New York to the Bulgarian foundation for 1997 was US $14,700,000.

These funds significantly exceed the amounts received in previous years. The budget increased from US $4,000,000 for the whole period 1990-1993, to US $6,000,000 in 1994, US $8,000,000 in 1995 and US $9,500,000 in 1996.

The 1997 budget included:

- a core budget for national programs in the amount of US $5,600,000;
- funds for humanitarian relief and school meal programs, totaling US $6,700,000;
- a US $1,400,000 budget for regional programs;
- a US $300,000 budget for club premises;
- a US $740,000 budget for projects initiated in previous years.

The Open Society Foundation – Sofia raised additional funds, amounting to US $390,000, which included:

- US $336,000 for club activities;
- US $21,000 for a joint project in civil society development, in cooperation with the King Baudouin Foundation;
- US $19,000 worth of donations to the Raina Kabaivanska Charity Fund;
- US $9,000 for administering Phare microprojects;
- US $5,000 in donations to the Summer School in Performing Arts;
- US $1,000 for scholarships.

Special credit should be given to the following donors: Charles Stuart Mott Foundation (US $300,000), the EC Commission (Phare Program) (US $32,000), Mrs. Raina Kabaivanska (US $14,000), and Mrs. Snezhinka Avramova (US $4,600).

Income from interest, refunds from previous years and others totaled US $12,000 and 23 million Bulgarian leva.

Throughout 1997, the Open Society Foundation – Sofia supported more than 2,500 group and individual projects under 26 national funds and programs, 40 regional programs of the Soros Foundations Network, and four one-time funding projects in civil society, education reform, public administration and legal reform, and culture and the free exchange of information.

The grants offered in 1997 totaled US $6,000,000 and 14,000,000,000 Bulgarian leva, which together with the equipment and program expenses add up to a total of US $14,000,000.

The relative share of administrative expenses for 1997 was 4% of the disbursed funds, totaling US $550,000 for national programs and US $79,000 for regional programs.

The external auditor of the foundation for 1997 was Price Waterhouse – Bulgaria.

Income and Expenditures in 1997

Income

	In BGL	In USD	Total in USD
Grants:			
Open Society Institute – New York, and			
Open Society Institute – Zurich		**$13,870,498**	**$13,870,498**
National Core Budget for 1997		$5,606,495	$5,606,495
One-time funding for projects:			
Humanitarian relief and support for schools		$6,700,000	$6,700,000
Club premises		$300,000	$300,000
Others		$551,000	$551,000
Soros Foundations Network Regional Programs		$713,003	$713,000
Donations for club activities		**$331,860**	**$335,596**
King Baudouin Foundation		$299,808	$299,808
Phare Program		$31,652	$31,652
Other donations to clubs	6,554,000	$400	$4,136
Other grants			
King Baudouin Foundation		$20,818	$20,818
Donations to the Raina Kabaivanska Charity Fund	32,000	$18,933	$18,965
Donations to the Summer School in Performing Arts		$4,605	$4,605
Phare Microprojects Program		$8,862	$8,862
Scholarships		$900	$900
Total grants	**6,586,000**	**$14,256,476**	**$14,260,244**
Bank interest	4,737,097	$10,331	$14,024
Refunds, exchange rate differences, etc.	23,746,868	$(7,311)	$9,875
Total income from other sources	**28,423,962**	**$3,020**	**$23,899**
Total income	**35,009,962**	**$14,259,496**	**$14,284,143**

Expenditures (national programs)

	Budget 1997	In BGL	In USD	Total in USD
Program expenses financed by the Open Society Institute – New York:				
Funds:				
Scholarships	$270,000	84,626,406	$194,254	$246,505
Universities	$163,000	140,030,273	$70,372	$155,290
Libraries	$94,000	58,904,057	$63,542	$98,379
Economic Reform	$231,000	107,968,646	$183,689	$255,064
State and Law	$186,000	202,236,253	$78,758	$196,380
Civil Society	$220,000	106,069,842	$157,494	$226,645
International Exchange	$93,000	59,588,975	$54,838	$91,024
Raina Kabaivanska Charity Fund	$22,000	33,920,202	$1,606	$22,238
Medicine and Healthcare	$109,255	50,277,215	$73,080	$104,393
Programs:				
Open Program	$232,900	82,093,939	$174,604	$226,597
Foreign Language Teaching	$63,000	65,745,795	$17,160	$54,336
Roma	$96,000	78,142,647	$50,846	$96,984
Information Center:				
Information and Advisory Services	$187,000	270,306,163	$32,489	$211,925
Media Program	$282,000	125,161,807	$219,835	$293,024
National Internet Initiative	$250,000	116,568,573	$180,039	$248,332
Open Society Clubs	$1,145,000	533,994,257	$831,418	$1,175,451
Soros Center for the Arts:				
Visual Arts	$110,000	103,957,478	$57,866	$119,810
Music	$92,000	102,431,556	$23,693	$83,198
Theater	$92,000	95,664,393	$36,630	$92,002
Literature	$92,000	54,176,619	$67,338	$98,710
General projects	$100,000	144,672,359	$37,280	$122,790
Periodicals in culture	$30,000	3,345,789	$27,500	$30,225

Open Education Center:				
National Programs	$121,340		$119,000	$119,000
Youth Program	$70,000		$70,000	$70,000
Debates	$206,495		$206,495	$206,495
One-time funding projects:				
Humanitarian aid and students' support	$6,700,000	8,638,754,818	$1,159,434	$6,620,076
Club premises	$300,000	251,313,159	$139,405	$300,002
Administrative building	$728,846	928,376,089	$119,184	$658,281
Microlending Program		3,531,474	$1,119	$3,159
Program reserve	$80,000			
National Programs Total Exp.	**$12,491,836**	**12,514,111,846**	**$4,899,824**	**$12,365,073**

Expenditures (Regional Programs)

	Budget 1997	In BGL	In USD	Total in USD
Open Education Center:				
Health Education	$61,120		$61,120	$61,120
Step by Step	$526,100		$526,100	$526,100
Older Brother, Older Sister	$6,300		$6,300	$6,300
Children-Victims of Violence	$7,200		$7,200	$7,200
Professional Development	$6,000		$6,000	$6,000
Foreign Language Teaching:				
Students Exchange	$11,200	10,927,758	$805	$9,321
SPELT	$11,667	10,906,597	$5,209	$9,840
Other Educational Programs:				
Virtual University 1997/98	$2,500	1,615,119	$200	$1,251
Central European University	$23,154	16,377,410	$14,162	$23,414
Scholarships for studies in the UK	$5,600	5,657,335	$2,340	$5,600
Other Regional Programs:				
E-mail and Internet	$180,300	174,288,639	$74,466	$180,300
I*EARN	$23,743	30,989,839	$3,491	$22,260
East-East Program	$104,000	27,293,619	$83,567	$101,514
Library Program	$56,375		$56,365	$56,365
Media Program	$78,129	133,606,138		$78,129
Translation Project	$100,000	3,005,300	$47,752	$49,471
Regional Medicine Programs:				
Harm Reduction Initiatives as Drug Policy Alternatives	$10,462	13,442,496	$904	$8,770
Salzburg Medical Seminars Program	$17,148	23,629,195	$1,200	$17,147
Hospital Development Project	$1,160	1,401,090	$420	$1,160
Gerontology	$44,774	25,812,119	$20,411	$35,476
Soros Center for the Arts:				
Cultural Link	$32,000	21,913,641	$15,293	$28,168
Joint projects	$14,000	86,870	$455	$507
Artslink	$4,530	6,807,779	$345	$4,239
Performing Arts Project	$21,774	23,514,865	$3,822	$17,199
Transart	$14,000	12,271,800	$7,100	$14,094
Internet	$20,000	24,318,769	$3,437	$17,277
Fund-raising project	$22,320	6,344,701	$5,029	$8,644
Regional Programs Total	**$1,405,520**	**574,201,079**	**$953,763**	**$1,296,866**
Operational expenses	$150,000	233,303,530		$147,211
Administrative expenses	$629,100	637,113,677	$89,750	$620,795
Regional Programs Expenses Total	**14,676,456**	**13,958,730,132**	**$5,943,337**	**$14,429,945**
Expenditures covered by third-parties				
Charles Stuart Mott Foundation	$330,000	67,328,949	$260,968	$299,568
King Baudouin Foundation	$25,000		$14,505	$14,505
Performing Arts Project	$4,605		$4,605	$4,605
Phare Microprojects Program	$8,862	9,345,448		$5,355
Total expenditures covered by third parties	**$368,467**	**76,674,397**	**$280,078**	**$324,033**
Total Expenditures for 1997	**$15,044,923**	**14,035,404,529**	**$6,223,415**	**$14,753,978**

Changes in the Funds Balance

Asset/Liability	Initial Balance		Final Balance	
	In BGL	In USD	In BGL	In USD
Operational funds	34,898,715	$748,837	323,713,404	$387,053
Funds for club activity	1,756,182	$74,701	6,723,906	$5,771
Third-party funding		$45,793		$108,475
Total funds	**36.654.897**	**$869,331**	**330,437,310**	**$501,299**
Receivables	10,457,985	$1,144	23,395,328	$6,816
Liabilities	-6,408,035	-$17,820	-249,582,209	-$53,958
Advance payments to suppliers	29,790,567	$49,571	47,164,843	
Total	**33,840,517**	**$32,895**	**-179,022,038**	**-$47,142**
Buildings	147,322,101		165,280,485	
Fixed assets	117,251,298	$322,124	1,409,983,618	
Amortization of fixed assets	-27,580,631		-355,757,746	
Monetary contribution to Varna Print	115,842,750		84,832,489	
Monetary contribution to BCF Ltd.	39,496,000			
Long-term investment	79,681,501	$22,295	133,992,500	
Total of fixed assets and investment	**499,593,650**	**$344,419**	**1,438,331,346**	
Total net assets (liabilities subtracted)	**570,089,064**	**$1,246,645**	**1,589,746,618**	**$454,157**

Note: The USD equivalents for amounts in Bulgarian leva (both income and expenditures) have been calculated using the average exchange rate valid for the respective month.

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The Fund's team prepared the collection "Scholarship Students 1997," which includes the finest research works and papers written by OSF scholarship students at Bulgarian universities.

Open Society Scholarships Fund

In 1997, the Fund supported the education of Bulgarian students and scholars at national and foreign universities by organizing several open competitions:

● National Open Society Scholarship Competition for students at the St. Kliment Ohridski University of Sofia, the Sts. Cyril and Methodius University of Veliko Turnovo, the Constantine Preslavski University of Shoumen, the St. Neofit Rilski Southwestern University, the University for National and World Economy, the Varna University of Economy, the D.A. Tsenov Academy of Economics in Svishtov, the National Academy of Theater and Film Arts, the State Academy of Music, the National Academy of Fine Arts, the New Bulgarian University, the Bourgas Free University, and the American University in Bulgaria. The finest research works and papers written by winners of the Open Society Scholarship Competition were included in the collection "Scholarship Students 1997";

● Scholarship competition for foreign students of Bulgarian origin and foreign scholars of Bulgarian history, culture and literature studying or working on research projects in Bulgaria;

● Competition for studies in universities in Western, Central and Eastern Europe and the United States;

● Joint Competition with the Embassy of France in Bulgaria for students at the Ecoles Normales Superieures, France;

● International competitions organized in cooperation with the Open Society Institute – New York and the UK Foreign Office; one-year scholarships for studies at the University of Oxford and the University of York; one- or three-month research projects and consultations at the University of Oxford; scholarships for MA studies at the University of Manchester and the University of Warwick in Coventry, UK;

● Competitions for MA and Ph.D. studies at the Central European University and competitions for participation in the sessions of the CEU Curriculum Resource Center.

Undergraduate and Graduate Studies Abroad

Undergraduate Students

Antonia Dimova Stoyanova Chinese Language and Literature Russia, St. Petersburg University		$ 500
Bilyana Ilieva Raeva Economics and Political Science Poland, Akademia Ekonomiczna w Krakowe		$ 2000
Boyan Georgiev Tzekin Economics USA, Pomona College, IN		$ 650
Bratana Tzvetieva Bratanova Japanese Language and Literature Russia, St. Petersburg University		$ 500
Dimitar Peev Dimitrov Hindi Language and Culture Russia, St. Petersburg University		$ 500
Iva Nikolova Postolova Hungarian Language and Literature Hungary, Budapest		$ 1000
Lilia Petrova Bozhilova Linguistics France, Ecoles Normales Superieures, Paris	683 288 leva	$ 5229
Mariana Hristova Syarova Spanish Language and Literature Spain, Universidad de Barcelona		$ 1500
Mariana Dimitrova Dimitrova Law Czech Republic, Charles University, Prague		$ 1500
Radka Grigorova Georgieva History of Culture Russia, St Petersburg University		$ 650
Rositza Dimitrova Petrova Korean Language and Literature Russia, St Petersburg University		$ 500
Sofia Todorova Avramova Philosophy France, Ecoles Normales Superieures, Paris	683 288 leva	$ 5229
Stefan Radosvetov Kolarov International Business Russia, Moscow State Institute of International Relations		$ 650

Graduate Studies and Specialization Courses

Albena Zlateva Stoeva Ph.D. in Business USA, Drexel University		$ 1500
Alexander Todorov Stoychev Ph.D. in Information Science USA, Georgia Institute of Technology		$ 500
Angelinka Zdravkova Krasteva Artist Diploma Program – Opera Singing USA, The Curtis Institute of Music		$ 500
Aneta Angelova Marcheva MBA, USA, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN		$ 2000
Anna Emilova Stoycheva Artist Diploma in Piano USA, Juilliard School, NY		$ 1500
Antoaneta Ivanova Sergieva Ph.D. in Economics Great Britain, Brunel University		$ 2000
Atanas Vasilev Yonchev MA in Healthcare USA, Baltimore, Johns Hopkins University		$ 3000
Borislava Vasileva Vasileva MA in Comparative Literature USA, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN		$ 450
Boyan Ivaylov Znepolski Ph.D. in Philosophy France, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris		$ 800
Boyko Dimitrov Atanasov USA, University of Delaware, Newark, DE		$ 500
Daniela Dimitrova Todorova MA in Cultural Studies Czech Republic, Prague, Charles University		$ 1500
Daniela Nikolaeva Kozhouharova Ph.D. in Literature Spain, Madrid, Universidad Complutense		$ 400
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Olivera Tzvetanova Stanisheva – Thracian University
Oliyana Ivtimova Krasteva – St. Kliment Ohridski University of Sofia
Polina Yourievna Bokova – St. Kliment Ohridski University of Sofia
Raisa Ivanova Kalinkova – Sts. Cyril and Methodius University of Veliko Turnovo
Rouslan Anatoliev Salamatin – D. A. Tzenov Academy of Economics, Svishtov
Sasha Ivanov Georgiev – Medical University – Sofia
Silvia Nikolae Voikou – St. Kliment Ohridski University of Sofia
Skender Volter Tzipka – UNWE
Snezhana Stepanova Stoyanova – St. Kliment Ohridski University of Sofia
Tatyana Andreeva Paslar – Medical University – Sofia
Tatyana Vasileva Berova – Sts. Cyril and Methodius University of Veliko Turnovo
Tatyana Ivanova Stoyanova – St. Kliment Ohridski University of Sofia
Tatyana Kirilova Velinova – Medical University – Sofia
Teodora Ion Matey – St. Kliment Ohridski University of Sofia
Todor Zdravkov Petrov – Medical University – Sofia
Vanche Stevo Gelevski – St. Kliment Ohridski University of Sofia
Vasiliy Vasilievich Moura – Thracian University
Vera Anatolieva Vitkova – Thracian University
Viktoria Valerieva Smokova – Pleven Higher Medical Institute
Vlatko Gligorov Gligorov – Medical University – Sofia
Zdenka Kirilova Todorova – St. Kliment Ohridski University of Sofia

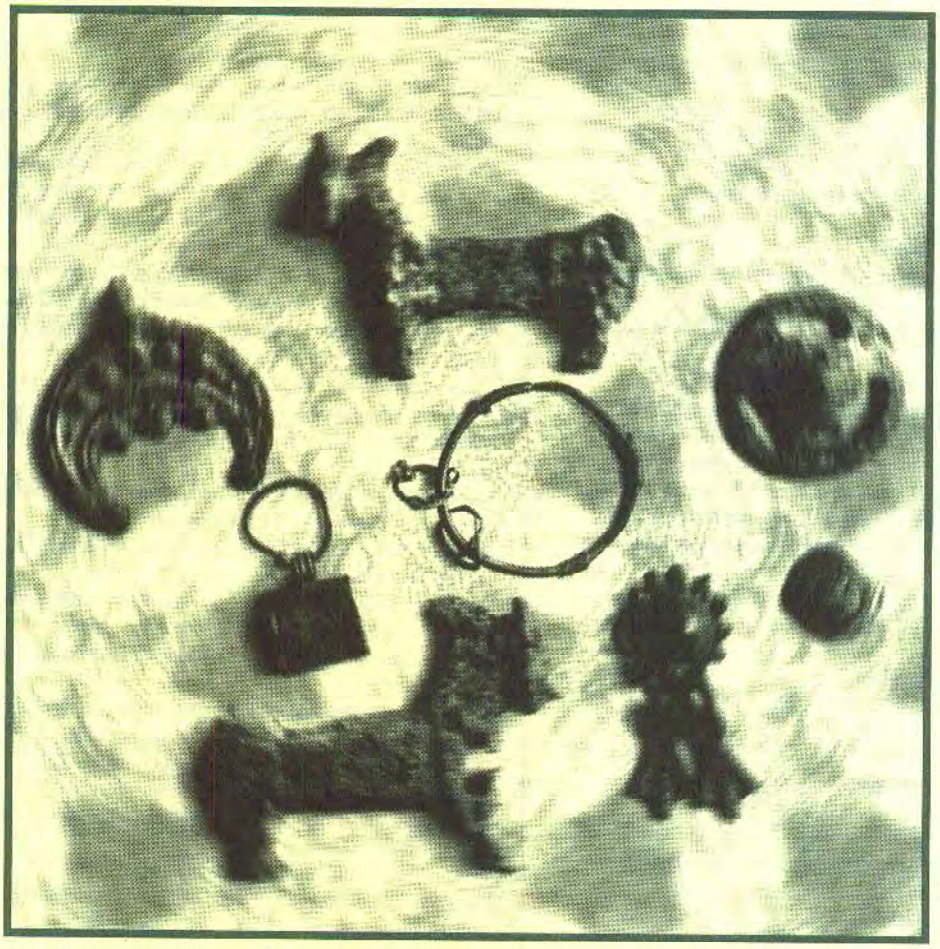
Sofia School of Theology
Ivan Ivanov Barbov
Mihayl Nikolaevich Nizalzov
Virgil Petrov Nesha
Vitaliy Zaharov Bogdanov

Foreign Scholars Working in the Field of Bulgarian Studies

Andrey Vitalievich Zinkevich — 600 280 leva
Typological Aspects of the System of Bulgarian Pronouns

Vladimir Vladimirovich Kaloyanov — 353 000 leva
Ph.D. Thesis "Bulgarian Education in the Ukraine in the 20's-30's of the 20th C."

Among the projects carried out by the Students Open Society Clubs are: the archeological research in the counties of Breznik and Trun, which uncovered Thracian funeral sites dating back to 2nd century AD; the conference "Law and Economics," which attracted foreign experts and guest-lecturers; a cycle of lectures in contemporary arts, and a simulation of a parliamentary debate.



The Open Society Foundation – Sofia supported the participation of students in theology at a students' expedition to the Mount of Athos, and sponsored a students' seminar on Burial Practice and Tradition organized by four universities.

In 1997 the Fund supported Bulgarian higher education in the humanities.

A competition for projects on Updating Liberal Arts Education was organized for the first time in 1997. Five universities received financing for their projects: the Technical University of Bourgas, the New Bulgarian University, the St. Kliment Ohridski University of Sofia, the Technical University of Gabrovo, the Constantine Preslavski University of Shoumen.

The Universities Fund supported the participation of Bulgarian students in international university programs, fellowships, summer schools, students' forums abroad and long-term studies in Europe, Asia and America.

Assisted by the Open Society Foundation – Sofia a group of students in theology took part in a students' expedition to the Mount of Athos. Four universities organized a students' seminar on Burial Practice and Tradition with the financial support of the Universities Fund.

The Fund also sponsored a number of international scientific forums: summer seminars in Bulgarian language and culture at the universities of Sofia and Veliko Turnovo; an early fall school in semeiotics at the New Bulgarian University; a seminar on Text Variety in the Witnesses of Medieval Manuscripts, organized by the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences; a Bulgarian – French seminar on the Concept of the Fabulous. Tradition and Interpretation of Fairy Tale Stories; a conference of the Southwestern University on Orthodox Theology and European Metaphysics.

Supported by the Fund, new Student's Open Society Clubs opened in the University of National and World Economy, the Academy of Fine Arts, the University of Veliko Turnovo, the Southwestern University. Among the projects carried out by the clubs are: the archeological research in the counties of Breznik and Trun, which uncovered Thracian funeral sites dating back to 2nd century AD; the conference "Law and Economics," which attracted foreign experts and guest-lecturers; a cycle of lectures in contemporary arts, and a simulation of a parliamentary debate.

Long-term Studies Abroad

Albena Simeonova Vasileva — $ 487
Economics
University of Rotterdam
Rotterdam, The Netherlands

Vanya Chavdarova Georgieva — $ 772
Hungarian Language
Debrecen, Hungary

Ventzislava Evgenieva Tumanova — $ 833
Chinese Language
University of Beijing
Beijing, China

Violeta Ivanova Suharova — $ 108
Polish Language Course
Warsaw, Poland

Vyara Dimova Nikolova — $ 540
Arabic Language and Culture
University of Amman
Amman, Jordan

Elena Petrovna Ivanova — $ 108
Polish Language
Warsaw, Poland

Konstantin Stoyanov Ivanov — $ 800
International Program in Journalism
School of Journalism and Communications
Utrecht, The Netherlands

Konstantina Petrova Atanasova — $ 772
Hungarian Language
University of Debrecen
Debrecen, Hungary

Krassimira Petrova Dimova — $ 108
Polish Language
Warsaw, Poland

Martin Nelsonov Nenov — $ 396
Swedish Language
University of Stockholm
Stockholm, Sweden

Ognian Konstantinov Stanchev — 350 000 leva
Educational Project in Management
"East-West"
University of St. Gallen
St. Gallen, Switzerland

Stanislav Michailov Yanakiev — $ 108
Polish Language
Warsaw, Poland

Tzvetomila Stefanova Zecheva — $ 108
Polish Language
Warsaw, Poland

Short-term Studies Abroad

Aneta Kostadinova Kotzeva — $ 140
Czech Language
Charles University
Prague, Czech Republic

Annie Antonova Burova — $ 55
Czech Language
Charles University
Prague, Czech Republic

Anna Sergeevna Baranova — $ 340
Russian Language
Institute for Russian Studies
Moscow, Russia

Antoaneta Stanislavova Gorinova — $ 200
Ukrainian Language
University of Kiev
Kiev, Ukraine

Asya Ivanova Damyanova — $ 83
Polish Language and Culture
University of Lublin
Lublin, Poland

Boryana Ivanova Bogdanova — $ 426
English Language
University of Leeds
Leeds, Great Britain

Boryana Liubomirova Peevska — $ 426
English Language
University of Leeds
Leeds, Great Britain

Vartan Sarkis Tateosyan — $ 405
Portuguese Language and Culture
University of Lisbon
Lisbon, Portugal

Denitza Sashkova Ilieva — $ 298
Danish Language and Culture
International College of Helsingor
Helsingor, Denmark

Diana Milkova Angelova — $ 226
International Language Course in Italian
University of Milan
International Laboratory in
Linguistic Communication
Milan, Garniano del Garda, Italy

Dobriana Aleksandrova Spasova — $ 304
Russian Language
Institute for Russian Studies
Moscow, Russia

Elena Dimitrova Varbanova — $ 83
Polish Language
University of Lublin
Lublin, Poland

Elizabeth Vasileva Vasileva — $ 140
Czech Language
Prague, Czech Republic

Ivana Todorova Karadenizova — $ 83
Polish Language
University of Lublin
Lublin, Poland

Iglika Veselinova Trifonova — $ 64
Polish Language
Cieszyn, Poland

Iliana Slavcheva Varadzhakova — $ 645
Summer School in International Finance
University of Georgetown
Washington, USA

Iliyana Slavcheva Karalanova — $ 83
Polish Language
University of Lublin
Lublin, Poland

Irina Ivanova Kolarska — $ 115
Czech Language
Charles University
Prague, Czech Republic

Kamen Rumenov Rikev — $ 83
Summer Language Course
University of Lublin
Lublin, Poland

University of Komrat — $ 1350
Department of Bulgarian Studies
Language course for young scholars in
Bulgarian language and culture
Sofia, Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria

University of Komrat — $ 1250
Department of Bulgarian Studies
Training for students in Bulgarian
language and culture
Sofia, Bulgaria

Krassimir Stoilov Tasev — $ 347
Spanish Language and Culture
University of Madrid
Madrid, Spain

Margarita Petrova Terziyska — $ 155
Language Course in Dutch
Zeist, The Netherlands

Marina Dimitrova Chaleva — $ 157
Summer Seminar on British Mass Media
Temple University, Pennsylvania
London, Great Britain

Maria Petrova Dimitrova — $ 424
English Language
University of Leeds
Leeds, Great Britain

Maria Petrova Kirova — $ 426
English Language
University of Leeds
Leeds, Great Britain

Miglena Petrova Tzvetkova — $ 162
Czech Language
Charles University
Prague, Czech Republic

Mirena Milanova Nalbantova — $ 314
English Language and Culture
University of Exeter
Exeter, Great Britain

Nadezhda Stanislavova Mihailova — $ 298
Danish Language and Culture
International College of Helsingor
Helsingor, Denmark

Neva Georgieva Micheva — $ 224
Language Courses in Italian
Perugia, Italy

Pavel Kostadinov Kozanov — $ 314
Summer School in Medieval Studies
University of Cambridge
Cambridge, Great Britain

Pavlina Georgieva Sivova — $ 81
Polish Language and Culture
University of Lublin
Lublin, Poland

Radostina Kirilova Georgieva — $ 200
Czech Language
Charles University
Prague, Czech Republic

Savena Tzekova Borisova — $ 164
Summer University
Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Stanislava Tzvetanova Pencheva — $ 64
Czech Language
Charles University
Prague, Czech Republic

Hristo Kostov Radev — $ 404
Portuguese Language
University of Lisbon
Lisbon, Portugal

Yavor Emilov Markov — $ 375
Norwegian Language
University of Oslo
Oslo, Norway

Yana Mihailova Mihailova — $ 314
English Language and Culture
University of Exeter
Exeter, Great Britain

Congresses and Conferences Abroad

Alexander Stefanov Donchev — $ 64
4th Summer Balkan Students' School
in Social Work
Istanbul, Turkey

Alexander Dinov Kjosev — $ 682
International Conference "The Future of
the Humanities in Europe and the Americas"
Santiago de Compostela, Spain

Anna Ilieva Deyanova — $ 120
Asya Borislavova Hadzhieva — $ 120
Julia Kancheva Kancheva — $ 120
Vitali Sabitaj Varsano — $ 120
9th International Students Film Festival
Augsburg, Germany

Assen Stoyanov Gasharov — $ 255
International Conference of the European
Association of Students in
Landscape Architecture
Arnhem, The Netherlands

Asya Plamenova Aleksieva — $ 200
American Institute on Political and
Economic Systems
Prague, Czech Republic

Georgi Nikolov Tashev — $ 69
4th Balkan Summer Student's School
in Social Work
Istanbul, Turkey

Damyana Vezhenova Bakardzhieva — $ 200
American Institute on Political and
Economic Systems
Prague, Czech Republic

Dimitar Petrov Shishkov — $ 307 — 9440 leva
6th International Conference
"Knowledge-Dialogue-Solution"
Yalta, Ukraine

Elina Ninova Kirova European Project "Self-Reliance-Democracy-Responsibility" Leuven, Belgium	$ 250	
Zhivko Nikolaev Aleksiev American Institute on Political and Economic Systems Prague, Czech Republic	$ 200	
Iva Kostadinova Nedeva Romanian Language Course University of Bucharest Bucharest, Romania		84 110 leva
Ivan Nikolaev Vasilev Archeological Excavations Institute of Archaeology Vienna, Austria	$ 77	
Ivanka Dimitrova Ivanova 4th East European Summer School in Psychoanalysis Association for Applied Psychoanalysis Nida, Lithuania		287 374 leva
Iliana Georgieva Borisova Archeological Excavations Institute of Archaeology Vienna, Austria	$ 88	
Ilka Ivanova Encheva Seminar in Slavic Studies International Slavic Center Belgrade, Serbia		61 633 leva
Iren Stefanova Stefanova Summer School in Psychology Punat, Croatia	$ 143	
Irina Zarkova Gancheva Students' Conference "Europe in 2020" Oxford, Great Britain	$ 628	
Irina Nikolova Papancheva Seminar on Stuttering and Alternative Communication Nijmegen, The Netherlands	$ 110	
Yordanka Ilieva Slavcheva International Students' Conference Ilmenau, Germany	$ 265	
Lora Georgieva Karasimeonova Institute on Political and Economic Systems Athens, Greece	$ 174	
Milena Angelova Dimitrova Summer Term in the Law Department University of Copenhagen Copenhagen, Denmark	$ 400	
Milena Hristoforova Dishovska Seminar on Freedom of Information: Political Pressure and Economic Effects Institute of Humane Studies Washington, USA	$ 300	
Mihaela Raitcheva Todorova 6th International Summer School in Polish Language and Culture Warsaw, Poland	$ 90	
Nikolay Zdravkov Traykov Students' Archeological Cruise Greece	$ 197	278 616 leva
Nikolay Mihaylov Yanev 51 Congress of the International Institute of Statistics Istanbul, Turkey	$ 600	
Nikolay Stefanov Kortezov Summer School Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe Vienna, Austria	$ 78	
New Bulgarian University International Conference of European Cinema Schools Paris, France	$ 2210	
Rossen Yordanov Bojadjiev 4th Summer Balkan Students' School in Social Work Istanbul, Turkey	$ 64	
Svetlozar Andreev Andreev Democracy & Diversity Summer Seminar New School for Social Research Krakow, Poland	$ 850	
St. Kliment Ohridski University of Sofia Faculty of Law Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition Washington, USA	$ 2368	
St. Kliment Ohridski University of Sofia Faculty of Law Telders International Law Moot Court Competition Hague, The Netherlands	$ 529	
Stanimir Ivanov Kiskinov Democracy & Diversity Summer Seminar New School for Social Research Krakow, Poland	$ 850	
Tatiana Ivanova Kosekova The Engalitcheff Institute on Comparative Political and Economic Systems University of Georgetown Washington, USA	$ 392	
Yavor Krumov Trifonov International Conference of the European Association of the Students in Post-Cow Landscape Arnhem, The Netherlands	$ 255	
Yassen Petrov Deenchin Students' Conference Telavi, Georgia	$ 25	625 135 leva

Publication and Membership Fees

Bulgarian Association of Image Processing Membership Fee Sofia, Bulgaria Sofia	$ 231
New Bulgarian University Mass Media and Communications Department Membership Fee Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 497

Expenses for Visiting Foreign Experts

New Bulgarian University Cognitive Science Department Travel expenses of a guest lecturer from USA Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 1038

Seminars and Conferences in Bulgaria

Sts. Cyril and Methodius University of Veliko Turnovo — 672 916 leva
Students' Seminar "Burial Practice and Tradition"
Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria

Bulgarian Academy of Sciences
Institute of Mathematics — 4 550 000 leva
Text Variety in the
Witnesses of Medieval Manuscripts
Sofia, Bulgaria

New Bulgarian University — 693 396 leva
Department of Archeology
Archeological Summer School
Preslav, Bulgaria

New Bulgarian University — $ 2358
Department of Anthropology and
Social Sciences
Early Fall School in Semiotics
Bankya, Bulgaria

St. Kliment Ohridski University of Sofia — $ 300
Faculty of Philosophy
International Conference "Culture and Margin"
Sofia, Bulgaria

St. Kliment Ohridski University of Sofia — 1 553 816 leva
History Department
Summer School in Archaeology
Nessebar, Bulgaria

St. Kliment Ohridski University of Sofia — 935 000 leva
Summer Seminar on
Bulgarian Language and Culture
Sofia, Bulgaria

Civic Education Project — $ 500
Students' Debates Forum
Bankya, Bulgaria

French Cultural Institute — $ 428
Bulgarian-French Seminar
"Concept of the Fabulous. Tradition and
Interpretation of Fairy Tale Stories"
Sofia, Bulgaria

Tzvetomir Stoyanov Todorov and team — 409 100 leva
Euthanasia in Law, Medicine,
Philosophy and Religion
Sofia, Bulgaria

Neofit Rilski Southwestern University — $ 1300
International Conference
"Orthodox Theology and European Metaphysics
Rilla Monastery, Bulgaria

Cash and Equipment Donations

Sts. Cyril and Methodius University of Veliko Tarnovo — $ 10 137
Updating of the University Computer Network
Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria

Sts. Cyril and Methodius University of Veliko Tarnovo — 1 832 781 leva
Technical Equipment for the
Students' Center at the University
Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria

Higher Institute in Electrical Engineering — $ 3009
Computer Laboratory for Students in
Economics and Management
Varna, Bulgaria

Technical University – Rousse — $ 3022
Development of Local University
Computer Network
Rousse, Bulgaria

St. Kliment Ohridski University of Sofia — $ 1004
Faculty of Philosophy, Chair of Psychology
Psychological Test Materials and Software
Sofia, Bulgaria

Students' Open Society Club — $ 886
Educational Travel of Students in History from
the University of Freiburg Switzerland
Sofia and the country

University for National and World Economy — 272 723 leva
Department of Computer Science
Computer Class
Sofia, Bulgaria

Constantine Preslavski University of Shoumen — $ 728
Publishing of Old Bulgarian Literature
Shoumen, Bulgaria

Constantine Preslavski University of Shoumen — $ 2347
Ancient Bulgarian Studies Center
Study and Publishing of Old Bulgarian Literature
Shoumen, Bulgaria

Neofit Rilski Southwestern University — 4 577 500 leva
Database system
Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria

Cultural Projects

Orthodox Students' Union — $ 670
University of Shoumen
Theological Expedition to the Mount of Athos
Greece

St. Kliment Ohridski University of Sofia — $ 784
Slavic Philology Department
Students' Theatre Production
"Dialogue as a Bohemian Bomb"
Prague, Czech Republic

Sts. Cyril and Methodius University of Veliko Turnovo — 1 711 600 leva
Summer School in Bulgarian Language and Culture
Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria

St. Kliment Ohridski University of Sofia
Faculty of Philosophy
Research project "Institutions of Knowledge" — 350 000 leva
Sofia, Bulgaria

Project expenses

Boriana Baleva Alexandrova — 346 000 leva
Non-interest loan
DAAD scholarship
Augsburg, Germany

Bourgas Technical University — 5 339 799 leva
Education Through Team Working
Bourgas, Bulgaria

New Bulgarian University — $ 3000
Theatre Department
Development of New Educational Methods
Sofia, Bulgaria

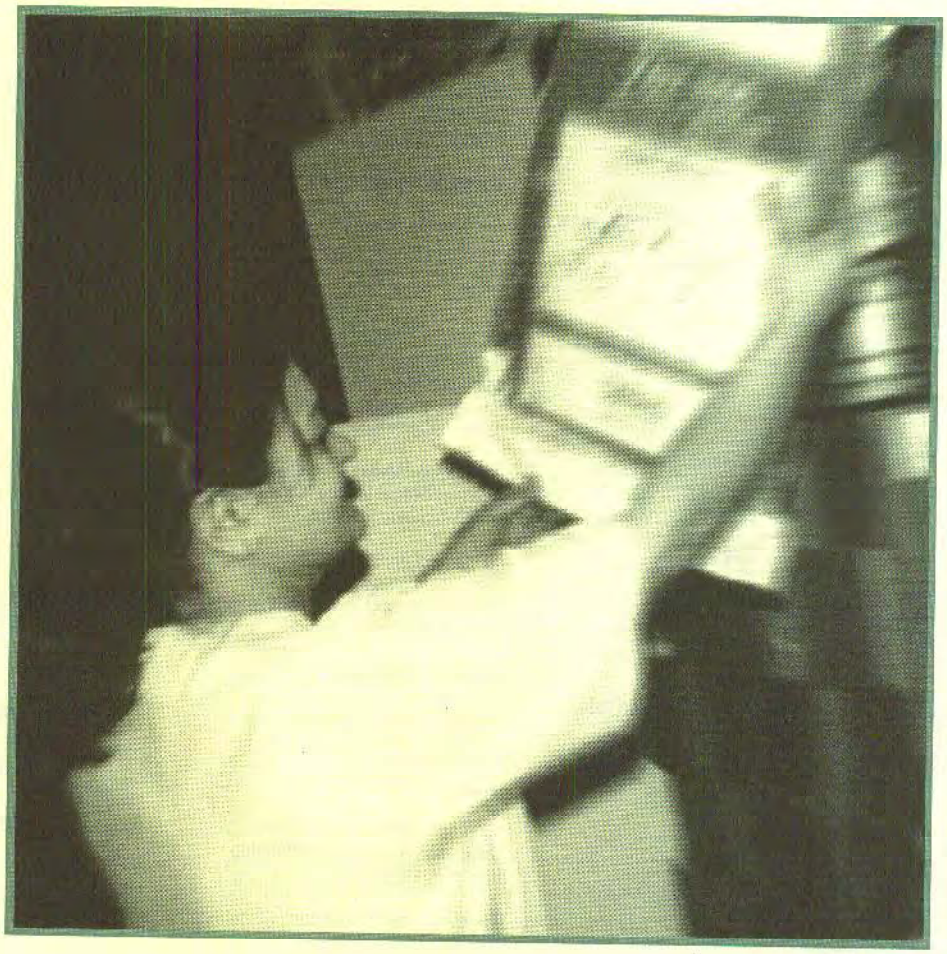
St. Kliment Ohridski University of Sofia — 2 675 250 leva
Liberal Arts Education
Sofia, Bulgaria

St. Kliment Ohridski University of Sofia — 5 365 500 leva
Classical Languages Department
Romulus Bulgaricus –
Bilingual Electronic Library of Latin Texts
Sofia, Bulgaria

Technical University – Gabrovo — 2 664 450 leva
Updating Liberal Arts Education
Gabrovo, Bulgaria

Constantine Preslavski University of Shoumen — 2 682 750 leva
"Medieval World." Studies on the
Bulgarian Middle Ages
Shoumen, Bulgaria

● *A joint project of the Open Society Institute – New York, the Surgical Aid for the Children of the World (SACOW) Foundation and the Open Society Foundation – Sofia provided an opportunity for American pediatric surgeons to share their experience with their Bulgarian colleagues at the Pediatric Surgery Clinic of the Pirogov Emergency Aid Institute and the Medical Academy in Plovdiv. Bulgarian pediatric surgeons worked as fellows in several US clinics.*



● *The project of the Open Society Institute – New York which addresses drug abuse and prevention is carried out in cooperation with the Society Against Drug Abuse Association and the National Center for Drug Abuse and Prevention.*

● *After an open competition 21 Bulgarian physicians were selected to participate in the Salzburg Seminars of Medicine.*

Medicine and Healthcare Fund

With more than 200 individual and group projects supported throughout 1997, the Fund addressed its ultimate goal of contributing to the improvement of Bulgarian healthcare.

Group projects included the organizing of international scientific conferences and symposia in Bulgaria and the publication of medical periodicals. Among the most significant projects supported by the Fund were the establishing of a center for the care of drug addicts, HIV-positive patients and people suffering with AIDS, the publishing of a Reference Bulletin in Ophthalmology and the distribution of a videotape on eye surgery provided by ORBIS International.

The individual projects supported by the Fund included specialization courses and participation in international scientific forums.

Throughout 1997 the Medicine and Healthcare Fund participated actively in the regional medical programs of the Open Society Institute:

- After an open competition 21 Bulgarian physicians were selected to participate in the Salzburg Seminars of Medicine.
- The Society Against Drug Abuse Association and the National Center for Drug Abuse and Prevention joined the project of the Open Society Institute – New York, addressing drug abuse and prevention.
- The joint project of the Open Society Institute – New York, the Surgical Aid for the Children of the World (SACOW) Foundation and the Open Society Foundation – Sofia, provided an opportunity for American pediatric surgeons to share their experience with their Bulgarian colleagues at the Pediatric Surgery Clinic of the Pirogov Emergency Aid Institute and the Medical Academy in Plovdiv. Bulgarian pediatric surgeons worked as fellows in several US clinics.

In 1997 the Open Society Foundation – Sofia joined a number of new regional programs offered by the Open Society Institute – New York. Under the Hospital Development Program and with the assistance of the American Albert Schweitzer Institute, the Pirogov Emergency Aid Institute received a donation of medical supplies and consumables worth more than one million US dollars. An US $800,000 donation of medical supplies was distributed among 17 regional hospitals around the country under the same program.

Since June 1997 the Fund has cooperated with the American organization Carelift International and supports Bulgarian hospitals with medical equipment, supplies and consumables. The donations distributed in 1997 totaled over US $1,5 million.

Two projects aiming to improve healthcare for elderly people were financed under the Geriatrics Program. The problems of life-saving surgery and oncology were discussed at conventions organized under the Albert Schweitzer Seminars in Medicine.

Specialization Courses Abroad

Angel Stoianov Angelov Cardiology and Emergency Medicine The Netherlands, Amsterdam		$ 630
Bozhidar Georgiev Tenev Cardiology Germany, Lahr		$ 800
Borislav Rajkov Ganev Cardiology France, Paris		$ 500
Bronislav Rostislavov Antonovich Orthopedic Surgery France, Paris		$ 1000
Velichka Kostadinova Kostova-Uzunova Orthopedic Surgery France, Paris		$ 500
Dimitar Georgiev Petkov Cardiovascular Surgery Italy, Milan	855 009 leva	$ 100
Evgeni Aleksandrov Hadzhiev Hematology France, Lyon	683 034 leva	
Emil Stefanov Sultanov Obstetrics and Gynecology France, Paris		$ 400
Iva Stefanova Hristova-Tzvetanova Immunology USA, Baltimore		$ 600
Ivan Grigorov Gigov Hematology France, Paris		$ 1500
Iliana Simeonova Buneva Internal Medicine USA, New York		$ 500
Lachezar Liubenov Zahariev Pediatric Orthopedics and Traumatology France, Paris	785 425 leva	$ 1000
Miroslava Vladislavova Bozhanova Classical and New Photoalergenes France, Montpellier		$ 200
Nikolay Petrov Tivchev Orthopedics and Traumatology Switzerland, Freiburg		$ 250
Oleg Georgiev Cholakov Surgery Switzerland, Bern		$ 250
Rumjana Staikova Nenova – Poljakova Microbiology Spain, Pamplona		$ 514
Aleksandar Svetoslavov Todorov Gastroenterology The Netherlands, Arnhem		$ 200
Aleksandar Stoianov Jonkov SACOW Foundation Exchange Program USA		$ 100
Angel Milkov Boyanov SACOW Foundation Exchange Program USA, New York		$ 100
Antonia Ivanova Donkova-Marinova Gastroenterology The Netherlands, Arnhem		$ 200
Blaga Strashimirova Tzacheva Immunology Germany, Hanover		$ 560
Valentin Vangelov Paskov Immunology of reproduction France, Paris		$ 1000
Valentina Pavlova Kovalyova Virology Russia, Moscow		$ 329
Valentina Stanisheva Karadachka Gastroenterology Germany, Hamburg		$ 205
Ventzislav Nakov Nakov Gastroenterology The Netherlands, Arnhem		$ 200
Veselin Tenkov Tenev Summer Workshop Egypt, Cairo		$ 325
Georgi Mihajlov Georgiev Gastroenterology The Netherlands, Arnhem		$ 200
Daniela Georgieva Hristova Summer Workshop Spain, Barcelona		$ 380
Daniela Nikolova Baltadzhieva-Popova Immunology Portugal, Lisbon	838 744 leva	
Denitza Milcheva Pantaleeva Workshop Italy, Rome		$ 308
Deian Tonev Zhelev Gastroenterology The Netherlands, Arnhem		$ 200
Dida Dimitrova Kazakova Ophthalmology Israel, Tel Aviv		$ 450
Dimitar Vasilev Takov Gastroenterology The Netherlands, Arnhem		$ 200
Dimitar Ivanov Ormanov Summer Workshop Egypt, Cairo		$ 319
Dimo Georgiev Stanchev French-Bulgarian Project in Psychoanalysis France, Paris	796 015 leva	

Dincho Minchev Georgiev — 350 200 leva
Endoscopic Surgical Techniques in Gynecology
France, Paris

Dobrinka Ivanova Lozanova — $ 308
Summer Workshop
Italy, Turin

Dobromir Tenev Gochev — $ 645
Cardiology
Italy, Milan

Evgeni Iliev Belokonski — $ 200
Gastroenterology
The Netherlands, Arnhem

Elitza Vaskova Uzunova — $ 390
Summer Workshop
Spain, Barcelona

Emiliya Ivanova Panteleeva — 555 330 leva
Gastroenterology
Israel, Tel Aviv

Ivan Evgeniev Kovachev — 679 932 leva — $ 103
Anesthesiology
Israel, Tel Aviv

Irena Vasileva Velcheva — $ 1000
Neurology
Mexico, Mexico

Katerina Dimitrova Vitliyanova — $ 400
Cardiology
Israel, Tel Aviv

Kirien Tzvetanov Kyosev — $ 200
Gastroenterology
The Netherlands, Arnhem

Magda Georgieva Berberova — $ 200
Gastroenterology
The Netherlands, Arnhem

Margarita Angelova Kamenova — $ 100
SACOW Foundation Exchange Program
USA, Seattle, Washington

Maria Nikolova Ianeva — $ 313
Summer Workshop
Egypt, Cairo

Mariyana Rasheva Stoynovska — 838 744 leva
Immunology
Portugal, Lisbon

Maia Dimitrova Vasileva — $ 847
Summer Workshop
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro

Milena Krasimirova Nikolova — $ 333
Summer Workshop
Spain, Barcelona

Milena Nikolova Rucheva — $ 847
Summer Workshop
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro

Mirela Ivanova Ivanova — $ 378
Endocrinology and Diabetes
Denmark, Copenhagen

Mihail Mitkov Demirev — 677 952 leva
Anesthesiology
Israel, Tel Aviv

Nadezhda Emilova Tzolova — $ 200
Gastroenterology
The Netherlands, Arnhem

Nikolay Stoianov Popov — $ 330
Summer Workshop
Egypt, Alexandria

Orlin Valchinov Dimitrov — $ 200
Gastroenterology
The Netherlands, Arnhem

Petar Bratovanov Iliev — $ 385
Summer Workshop
Germany, Duesseldorf

Plamen Marinov Milkov — $ 645
Cardiology
Italy, Milan

Plamen Milanov Petrov — $ 200
Gastroenterology
The Netherlands, Arnhem

Plamen Nikolov Frangov — $ 380
Anesthesiology
Italy, Sienna

Plamen Stanev Dimov — $ 240
In-vitro Fertilization and
Methods in Assisted Reproduction
France, Montpellier

Radostin Marinov Zhelev — $ 363
Summer Workshop
Israel, Tel Aviv

Rajcho Ivanov Kehajov — 534 266 leva
Orthopedics and Traumatology
Switzerland, Bern

Roman Kirilov Romanski — $ 401
Summer Workshop
Finland, Turku

Ruzha Ivanova Nikolova — $ 440
Cardiology
Germany, Dresden

Svetlozar Haralanov Haralanov — $ 520
Neurology and Psychiatry
Germany, Wuerzburg

Svilen Ivanov Masliankov — $ 313
Workshop
Egypt, Cairo

Snezhana Ivanova Gyurova — $ 400
Infectious Diseases and Virology
Portugal, Lisbon

Stefan Velikov Stefanov — $ 445
Orthopedics
France, Paris

Stefan Jordanov Lazarov — $ 100
SACOW Foundation Exchange Program
USA, Washington

Stefka Atanasova Kitanova — $ 200
Pathophysiology
Spain, Madrid

Hristo Liubomirov Iliev — $ 313
Workshop
Portugal, Lisbon

Scholarships for Students with Disabilities

Vania Ivanova Pandieva — 207 000 leva
Psychology
St. Kliment Ohridski University of Sofia
Sofia, Bulgaria

Violeta Georgieva Ieremieva — 12 000 leva
Bulgarian Language and Literature
Sts. Cyril and Methodius University of Veliko Turnovo
Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria

Daniela Nikolova Dimitrova — 207 000 leva
English Philology
St. Kliment Ohridski University of Sofia
Sofia, Bulgaria

Eli Ivanova Kirilova — 197 000 leva
Economics and Management in
Social Care and Culture
University of National and World Economy
Sofia, Bulgaria

Ivan Dimitrov Ianev — 97 000 leva
History
St. Kliment Ohridski University of Sofia
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Economics and Management in
Social Care and Culture
University of National and World Economy
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Sofia, Bulgaria

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University of National and World Economy
Sofia, Bulgaria

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Sofia, Bulgaria

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Sofia, Bulgaria

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University of National and World Economy
Sofia, Bulgaria

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University of National and World Economy
Sofia, Bulgaria

Hiusein Halil Ismail — 197 000 leva
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Sofia, Bulgaria

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Law
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Sofia, Bulgaria

Participation in Congresses and Conferences Abroad

Albena Ilieva Patroneva-Bakalova — $ 400
5th Mediterranean Conference on Epilepsy
France, Montpellier

Alexandar Vasilev Kurtev — $ 500
5th Congress of the European and
American Society for Pediatric Endocrinology
Sweden, Stockholm

Aleksandar Ivanov Urumov — $ 500
4th Congress of the Mediterranean Society
of Infectious and Parasitic Diseases
Egypt, Cairo

Angel Georgiev Vasilev — $ 392
20th European Conference on Visual Perception
Finland, Helsinki

Angel Milkov Boyanov — $ 597
2nd European Congress of Pediatric Surgery
Spain, Madrid

Angel Simeonov Galabov — $ 450
10th International Conference on Antiviral Research
USA, Atlanta

Arkadi Georgiev Ivanov — $ 500
20th European Congress of Surgery
Greece, Athens

Asen Nenov Aleksiev — $ 304
Liver Week
Germany, Freiburg

Asia Georgieva Stancheva — $ 400
16th Congress of the International Society
on Thrombosis and Haemostasis
Italy, Florence

Bozhidar Georgiev Popov — $ 400
16th International Congress of Nutrition
Canada, Montreal

Borislav Georgiev Vladimirov — $ 304
Liver Week
Germany, Freiburg

Boriana Vasileva Beleva — $ 400
European College for Organ Transplantation
Finland, Helsinki

Valeri Lyubenov Gelev — $ 73
3rd Cardiovascular Seminar
Hungary, Budapest

Ventzislava Ivanova Nedeva — $ 480
International Conference of the
European Association on Neuro-Ophthalmology
Great Britain, London

Veselin Orlinov Petkov — $ 411
4th Annual Conference for Quality of Life Research
Austria, Vienna

Veselin Tomov Tomov — $ 458
14th International Congress of
Clinical Neurophysiology
Italy, Florence

Violeta Slavcheva Nikolova — $ 400
8th European Congress of Clinical Microbiology
and Infectious Diseases
Switzerland, Lausanne

Vladimir Spasov Popnikolov — $ 460
6th International Conference on Thalassemia
Malta, La Valetta

Georgi Enchev Grigorov — $ 375
7th European Congress of Surgery
Greece, Athens

Georgi Stoianov Rankov — $ 300
11th Congress of the European Society of
Ophthalmology
Hungary, Budapest

Desislava Ivanova Dimitrova — $ 500
13th European Immunology Meeting
The Netherlands, Amsterdam

Detelina Vlachkova Lukanova — 543 091 leva
European Congress of Angiology
Italy, Rome

Dimitar Bogdanov Maslarov — $ 500
16th World Congress of Neurology
Argentina, Buenos Aires

Dimitar Borisov Georgiev — $ 500
8th Annual Meeting of the
North American Menopause Society
USA, Boston

Dimitar Borisov Chavdarov — $ 400
5th Mediterranean Conference on Epilepsy
France, Montpellier

Dimitar Konstantinov Evstatiev — $ 500
8th Congress for Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery
Portugal, Lisbon

Dimitar Svetoslavov Milev — $ 300
Workshop for Young Endocrinologists:
Endocrinology of Hypothalamus-
Pituitary System and Thyroid and Adrenal Glands
Hungary, Budapest

Dimitar Stoimenov Dabov — $ 300
11th Congress of the European Society of
Ophthalmology
Hungary, Budapest

Dora Vasileva Mircheva-Dimitrova — $ 499
Session of the World Health Organization
Switzerland, Geneva

Elyuar Petrov Goranov — $ 650
1st International Congress of Thorax Surgery
Greece, Athens

Emil Georgiev Simeonov — $ 410
13th EUROCAT Registry Leaders Meeting
Belgium, Brussels

Zlatka Kostadinova Jankova-Timova — $ 400
11th Congress of the International Society
on Thrombosis and Haemostasis
Italy, Florence

Ivan Donchev Smilov — $ 382
29th International Meeting of Anesthesiology
and Critical Care
France, Paris

Ivan Raychev Kehayov — $ 230
International Meeting of the
Switzerland Society of Cardiology
Switzerland, Lausanne

Ignat Hristov Petrov — $ 500
1st International Meeting on Cognitive
and Affective Disorders in the Elderly
Italy, Bolonya

Iliya Tzvetanov Vatev — $ 450
10th World Congress on In Vitro Fertilization
and Assisted Reproduction
Canada, Vancouver

Kamenna Marinova Vutova — $ 500
18th Congress on Hydatology
Portugal, Lisbon

Kiril Dimov Prameterov — 799 368 leva
12th International Congress of
Sexually Transmitted Diseases
Spain, Seville

Kornelia Pavlova Kotcheva — $ 500
4th International Conference
on Preventive Cardiology
Canada, Montreal

Krasimir Vasilev Nikolov — $ 98
Consensual Workshop on Analysis
of Autoantibodies
Hungary, Debretzen

Krasimir Tzonev Koev — $ 300
11th Congress of the European Society
of Ophthalmology
Hungary, Budapest

Kremena Todrova Zaharieva 11th Congress of the European Society of Ophthalmology Hungary, Budapest		$ 300
Lylia Aleksandrova Vitanova 33rd International Congress of Physiological Sciences Russia, St Petersburg		$ 408
Lyuba Borisova Ivanova Congress of Hematology and Transfusiology Germany, Frankfurt		$ 500
Lyuben Dimitrov Stokov 3rd Congress of the European Federation of National Associations of Orthopedics and Traumatology Spain, Barcelona		$ 500
Liubomir Asenov Durmishev International Congress in Dermatology and Venereal Diseases Malta, La Valetta		$ 125
Liubomir Garailov Mihajlov Annual Congress of the European Respiratory Society Germany, Berlin		$ 400
Liudmila Vasileva Kumichina 3td Cardiovascular Seminar Hungary, Budapest		$ 75
Lyudmila Mateva Vladimirova Liver Week Germany, Freiburg		$ 304
Mariya Mihaylova Vretenarska 34th Congress of the European Dialysis and Transplant Association Switzerland, Geneva		$ 450
Mariyana Aleksandrova Panevska-Gareva 6th Congress of the European Society for Gynecological Endoscopy Great Britain, Birmingham	475 554 leva	$ 85
Marta Petrova Baleva-Nikolova 11th Congress of the International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis Italy, Florence		$ 400
Maya Mincheva Konstantinova 23rd Annual Meeting of the International Society for Pediatric Diabetes Finland, Turku		$ 369
Maia Stankeva Marina-Vazharska 5th Congress of the Mediterranean Society of Infectious and Parasitic Diseases Egypt, Cairo		$ 500
Melaniya Mihaylova Radionova 5th Mediterranean Conference on Epilepsy France, Montpellier		$ 400
Mihail Atanasov Plochev 1st International Congress of Thorax Surgery Greece, Athens		$ 650
Nadia Borisova Polnareva International Congress of Psychiatry France, Poatier		$ 475
Nacho Donkov Nachev Physiology of the Cardiovascular System Germany, Berlin	512 043 leva	
Nina Yurieva Belova 33rd International Congress of Physiological Sciences Russia, St Petersburg		$ 497
Ognyan Georgiev Hadzhiyski 8th Congress for Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery Portugal, Lisbon		$ 500
Paraskeva Kostova Stamenova 16th World Congress of Neurology Argentina, Buenos Aires		$ 600
Penka Nikolova Yaramlakova 33rd International Conference on Hydrothermales Japan, Tokyo		$ 260
Petia Ivanova Vasileva 4th International symposium on Uveitis Japan, Yokohama		$ 500
Petia Stefanova Dimova 14th International Congress of Clinical Neurophysiology Italy, Florence		$ 437
Rozalina Ivanova Balabanska 6th European Week of Gastroenterology Great Britain, Birmingham		$ 500
Rosen Dimitrov Mihajlov 5th Meeting of the Balkan Clinical Laboratory Federation Greece, Iannina		$ 356
Rusanka Dimitrova Kovatcheva 24th Annual Meeting of the European Thyroid Association Germany, Munich		$ 280
Ruska Dimitrova Kirova 8th Congress of the International Psychogeriatric Association Israel, Jerusalem		$ 530
Simeon Georgiev Stojnov Falk Symposium: Clinical Challenges in Inflammatory Bowel Diseases Switzerland, Lugano		$ 500
Sonya Borisova Sergieva Congress of the European Association of Nuclear Medicine Great Britain, Glasgow		$ 450
Sonia Metodieva Stoianova-Genova Consensual Workshop on Analysis of Autoantibodies Hungary, Debretzen		$ 211
Sofia Dimitrova Iakimova 11th Congress of the European Society of Ophthalmology Hungary, Budapest		$ 300
Stefan Nikolov Manchev Workshop for Young Endocrinologists: Endocrinology of Hypothalamus-Pituitary System and Thyroid and Adrenal Glands Hungary, Budapest		$ 300
Stoian Ivanov Tzonev 5th Meeting of World Association of Sacoidosis and Other Granulomatous Disorders Germany, Essen		$ 500
Tatiana Emilova Kanova Conference "Exploring Social Disintegration" Sweden, Stockholm		$ 400

Teodora Georgieva Sachanska — $ 250
24th Congress of the Neurootological and Equilibriometric Society
Israel, Haifa

Todor Petrov Sokolov — $ 500
International Conference on Bone and Soft Tissue Tumors
France, Paris

Todor Stefanov Todorov — $ 400
18th International Congress of Hydatidology
Portugal, Lisbon

Tosho Lukanov Balabansky — $ 400
13th International Congress of Cardiac Pacing and Arrhythmias
Greece, Athens

Hilda Ovanes Kadiyan — $ 500
Falk Symposium: Clinical Challenges in Inflammatory Bowel Diseases
Switzerland, Lugano

Hristo Atanasov Damianov — $ 380
4th International Consultation on Benign Prostate Hyperplasia
France, Paris

Hristo Evgeniev Deyanov — $ 300
4th International Conference on Preventive Cardiology
Canada, Montreal

Hristo Ivanov Krushkov — $ 300
Meeting of the European Federation of Neurological Societies
Czech Republic, Prague

Tzanka Petrova Boshnakova — $ 150
Annual Congress of the European Respiratory Society
Germany, Berlin

Tzvetan Radnev Minchev — 351 998 leva — 160
Internet in Medicine
Slovakia, Bratislava

Tzvetana Popivanova Todorova — 393 750 leva
24th Ordinary Congress of the Neurootological and Equilibriometric Society
Israel, Haifa

Tzvetomir Stefanov Lukanov — $ 500
European Cancer Conference
Germany, Hamburg

Tzonko Pejkov Marinov — $ 75
3rd Cardiovascular Seminar
Hungary, Budapest

Chavdar Nikolov Shalganov — $ 400
13th International Congress of Cardiac Pacing and Arrhythmias
Greece, Athens

Chavdar Panaiotov Chernev — $ 481
Seminar "Trauma Management and Emergency Medicine for Anesthetists"
Great Britain, Bristol

Yuliana Borislavova Bronzova — $ 485
International Workshops "Neuromuscular Disorders: Recent Advances and Future Prospects"
The Netherlands, Rotterdam

Yuliya Yordanova Petrova — $ 304
Liver Week
Germany, Freiburg

Yanka Nedyalkova Dafinova — $ 260
33rd International Conference on Hydrothermales
Japan, Tokyo

Support for Medical Associations

Bulgarian Orthopedics and Traumatology Association — $ 480
3rd International Symposium in Spinal Surgery
Bulgaria, Batak

Bulgarian Anatomical Society — $ 200
13th Congress of the Bulgarian Anatomical Society
Bulgaria, Varna

Department of Medical Physics and Biophysics — $ 365
Medical University – Sofia
International Symposium on Free-Radical Processes in Biology and Medicine
Bulgaria, Sofia

International Coordination Committee for Immunology of Reproduction — $ 410
7th International Symposium on Immunology of Reproduction
Bulgaria, Varna

Bulgarian Rheumatology Society — 1 080 000 leva
5th National Congress of Rheumatology
Bulgaria, Sofia

Brief Therapy Association — $ 1950
European Brief Therapy Conference "Life in Change"
Bulgaria, Sofia

Bulgarian Pediatric Society — 2 698 500 leva
8th National Congress in Pediatrics
Bulgaria, Bankia

Union of the Scientific Medical Societies in Bulgaria — 1 000 000 leva
Workshops for Scientific and Professional Qualification of Physicians
Bulgaria, Shoumen

Health and Ethics Association — 5 954 186 leva
Establishing of a center for prophylaxis of drug addicts, HIV-positive patients and people suffering with AIDS
Bulgaria, Stara Zagora

Assisted Reproduction Foundation — 521 700 leva
Assisted Reproduction Program
Bulgaria, Sofia

Support for Medical Journals

Balkan Journal of Medical Genetics — $ 1179
Bulgaria, Sofia

Bulgarian Physician Newspaper — 400 000 leva
Bulgaria, Sofia

National Society of History of Medicine — $ 500
International Journal "Asclepius"
Bulgaria, Sofia

Reference Bulletin of Ophthalmology — 4 550 000 leva
Bulgaria, Varna

"Emergency Medicine" Journal — $ 2000
Bulgaria, Sofia

"Surgery" Journal — $ 4000
Bulgaria, Sofia

"Brain Stroke Prevention" Foundation — 1 259 300 leva
"Neural and Vascular Diseases" Journal
Bulgaria, Sofia



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In 1997 the priorities of the Fund were focused on initiatives supporting the preparation for Bulgaria's accession to the European Union. These were NGO projects financed by the European Fund or joint projects with partner organizations.

Throughout 1997 the OSF European Fund extended the scope of the information services offered and continued its support for cultural and scientific exchange between Bulgaria and the countries of Central and Eastern Europe and the Balkans.

The Fund cooperated actively with the Open Society Information Centers throughout the country in disseminating information, application forms and brochures on the international programs open for Bulgaria. The EU Ecos Ouverture Program was officially presented in Plovdiv, where interested organizations and individuals were able to consult with the Program Coordinator for Bulgaria. With the assistance of the Open Society Clubs, the Fund attracted representatives of the local authorities, NGOs working on reforming local self-administration, and representatives of the local business. The Local Government Reform Program of the Open Society Institute – Budapest was also presented at the forum. This meeting provided participating NGOs with an opportunity to establish new contacts, and minimized the risk of two or more organizations or institutions working on the same project. This in turn increased opportunities for cooperation on the local level.

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Long-term Specialization Courses Abroad

Anna Georgieva Dimitrova — $ 3000
20-th century European History.
International Relations and European Integration.
Institut Europeen des Hautes Etudes Europeennes
France, Strasbourg

Elfina Hristova Milcheva — $ 500
European Integration and International Relations –
European Market
Germany, Hamburg

Neycho Mitev Ilchev — $ 390
International Relations
Institut Europeen des Hautes Etudes Internationales
France, Nice

Short-term Specialization Courses Abroad

Alexander Valentinov Zhekov — $ 380
Evelina Dimitrova Kachakova — $ 380
Kremena Mincheva Jonkova — $ 380
Marusja Toneva Ruseva — $ 365
Miroljuba Kostadonova Madgarova — $ 380
Plamena Lubomirova Lakova — $ 378
Vladimir Borissov Stariradev — $ 365
European Union and European Integration –
Intensive Seminar
Belgium, Bruges

Dimitar Ivanov Avramov — $ 100
Transition Problems in Balkan States
Croatia, Zagreb

Emil Spassov Panushev — $ 375
European Financial Centers and Money Flow
Great Britain, London

Evgenija Stoyanova Petkova-Jordanova — $ 390
Collaboration with International Organizations
in the Field of Euro Integration
International Institute of Public Administration
France, Paris

Irina Nachkova Pehlivanova — $ 300
International Relations
Institut Europeen des Hautes Internationales
France, Nice

Liljana Vidinova Simeonova — $ 500
Lecture Course "Balkans in the 20th Century"
USA, New York

Conferences and Seminars Abroad

IV French Language High School, Varna — $ 600
Young People's Forum in Europe
France, Amiens

Aglika Ilieva Krushovenska — $ 475
Euro – Latin American Youth Forum
Spain, Malaga

Anelija Vassileva Borisova — 339 570 leva
European Voluntary Organizations Alliance
Technical Meeting
Great Britain, Sheringham

Antoaneta Tzvetkova Angelova — $ 155
Democracy and European Integration –
European Week of High Education
Czech Republic

Atlantic Club of Bulgaria — $ 1200
Atlantic Treaty Association Board Meeting
Belgium, Brussels

Boika Yordanova Vitanova — $ 150
Micro-credits – Women's' World Banking
Hungary, Budapest

Bogomil Hristov Nikolov — $ 100
Problems of Transition in the Balkan States
Croatia, Zagreb

Dimitar Vasilev Vasilev — $ 173
Mariana Velkova Kosturkova — $ 174
Ognjan Ognianov Ivanov — $ 194
Pavel Pavlov Antonov — $ 170
A SEED Activists Gathering
The Netherlands, Amsterdam

Gergina Ivanova Gargova-Dvoretzka — $ 1341
World Children's Summit 1997 – UNESCO
France, Paris

Hristo Vaskov Hristozov — $ 448
General Assembly of Euroyouth
Italy, Rome

Ilija Kirilov Bojadgiev — $ 422
Intelligent Manufacturing and Automation –
Danubi Adria Association for Automation
and Manufacturing
Croatia, Dubrovnik

Ivelin Milkov Ivanov — $ 657
Euroweek – 97
France, Paris

Maria Stefanova Spirova — $ 636
Annual Conference of the Association
of Study of Nationalities
USA, New York

Milena Zhelyazkova Peneva — $ 475
Key Problems of Economical
and Currency Unification of Europe
France, Paris

Open Society Club in Plovdiv — $ 896
"Prometheus – Europe" Assessing the
Contribution of the EU to the Development
of Civil Society in Former Communist Countries
Hungary, Budapest

Rada Chavdarova Toteva — $ 287
International Women's Conference
Austria, Vienna

Svetoslav Ivanov Spasov — $ 657
Euroweek' 97
France, Paris

Stefan Kroumov Bojadjiev — $ 240
Secular Medieval Architecture in
the Balkans, 1300 – 1500, and its Preservation
Greece, Thessaloniki

Zlatka Petrova Pandeva — 586 200 leva — $ 140
Promotion of Women's Participation in Society
Poland, Warsaw

Conferences and Seminars in Bulgaria

Atlantic Club of Bulgaria — $ 12 500
43rd General Assembly of the
Atlantic Treaty Association
Bulgaria, Sofia

Atlantic Club of Bulgaria — $ 500
The Atlantic Treaty Association of
Young Political Leaders Board Meeting
Bulgaria, Sofia

East-West Project — $ 500
9th French Language School Club
Bulgaria, Sofia

Presentation of the — 7 807 047 leva
EU Ecos/Ouverture Program
Bulgaria, Plovdiv

Eurodialogue Association — $ 1300
Problems and Perspectives of
Agricultural Trade with the EU
Bulgaria, Sofia

International Summer University Trans Europeennes $ 4000
Co-Funding with East-East
Regional Program
Bulgaria, Plovdiv

Iovka Mihaylova Ivancheva $ 400
Academic Society "Dr Peter Beron,"
Munich, – Plenary Session and
Documentary Exhibition
Bulgaria, Sofia

Student's Club "Balcus – Europe" $ 470
The Balkans – at the Threshold of
the 21st Century – Conflicts and Cooperation
Bulgaria, Sofia

Book Donations

"L. Karavelov" Regional Library – Rouse 3 867 753 leva
Documentary Fund on European Integration
Bulgaria, Rouse

Projects in Culture

Ljubcho Temelkov Neshkov $ 1200
Ethnical Issues in Kosovo – Documentary Filming

"Christa" Productions 1 704 828 leva $ 489
The Day of Europe Concert
Bulgaria, Varna

Balkan Forum for Cultural Cooperation in 1 393 000 leva
Collaboration with Soros Center for the Arts
Bulgaria, Bistritza

Support for publications

"Basics of European Law" 19 401 100 leva
Bulgaria, Sofia

Andrei Atanassov Ivanov $ 1800
Compendium NATO and the Bulgarian Society
Bulgaria, Sofia

Bulgarian Academy of Sciences – 2 647 500 leva
Institute of Balkan Studies
"Etudes Balcaniques" Scientific Journal
Bulgaria, Sofia

Institute for Regional and International Research $ 2560
"Bulgarian Quarterly" Journal
Bulgaria, Sofia

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Author's fees

Antonina Lubomirova Zheljazkova $ 1500
"Turkey"
Bulgaria, Sofia

Antonina Nikolova Kuzmanova $ 1500
"Romania"
Bulgaria, Sofia

Bobi Nikolov Bobev $ 1500
"Albania"
Bulgaria, Sofia

Bojan Dimitrov Nichev $ 1500
"Czech Republic"
Bulgaria, Sofia

Georgi Borissov Asjov $ 1500
"Poland"
Bulgaria, Sofia

Detelina Petrova Datkova $ 1500
"Portugal"
Bulgaria, Sofia

Diana Ludmilova Adgarska – Litzanova $ 1400
"Austria"
Bulgaria, Sofia

Dimitar Dochev Markovski $ 1500
"Hungary"
Bulgaria, Sofia

Emil Alexandrov Hegedjush $ 1500
"Ireland"
Bulgaria, Sofia

Emilija Todorova Ztenkova $ 1500
"Spain"
Bulgaria, Sofia

Ivan Alexandrov Pavlov $ 1785
"Slovakia"
Bulgaria, Sofia

Petar Shterev Shopov $ 3000
"Denmark"
Bulgaria, Sofia

Petja Zaprianova Janeva $ 2400
"Greece"
Bulgaria, Sofia

Project Development

Bulgarian Association for Country Tourism $ 400
PHARE Partnership Project Supporting Funding
Romania

Center for the Study of Democracy 1,203,531 leva $ 10 400
Bulgaria and the EU Part II, III
Bulgaria, Sofia

Institute for International Economic Strategies $ 3540
Foreign Trade Impact of the Regulations
on the Associate Membership of Bulgaria in the EU
Bulgaria, Sofia



The Fund supported institutional projects of Bulgarian NGOs and research projects in social, ethnic and political studies.

The Fund financed the continuation of the project "The Rhodope Mountains: A Model of Tolerance in the Balkans," begun in 1996 by the Institute of Eastern European Studies.

Civil Society Fund

In 1997 the Fund focused on encouraging free civil initiative in Bulgaria.

The Civil Society Fund supported the establishing and development of non-profit and non-governmental organizations, NGO training projects, the integration of minority groups in society, and the promotion and preservation of human and minority rights.

Many projects for institutional support to Bulgarian NGOs received financing. The Fund supported research projects in social, ethnic and political science, and financed the continuation of the project "The Rhodope Mountains: A Model of Tolerance in the Balkans," begun in 1996 by the Institute of Eastern European Studies.

In 1997 the Civil Society Fund supported a number of conferences and seminars encouraging the development of civil society and the NGO sector.

A new group of minority students joined the traditional English Language Teaching Program at the American University in Bulgaria.



Long-term Specialization Courses Abroad

Lora Martinova Zaikova — $ 143
Intercultural Dialogue
The Netherlands, Amsterdam

Svoboda Vladimirova Tabakova — $ 2909
Graduate Course in Clinical Pharmacology
Great Britain, Aberdeen

Scholarships for students in Bulgaria

Ali Hasan Hajretin — $ 1535
Ahmed Hairiev Aliev — $ 1535
Nurhan Nuridinov Kasimov — $ 1535
Hafize Iashar Hadzhimustafa — $ 1535
Umi Ibraimova Kondareva — $ 1535
English Language Teaching Program
at the American University in Bulgaria
Bulgaria, Blagoevgrad

Participation in seminars abroad

Alia-Nedialka Milkova Vedar — $ 500
The Balkan Perspective
Finland, Helsinki

Borislava Liubomirova Lalova — $ 500
Festival "Quality of Life"
Norway, Trondheim

Elka Nikolaeva Todorova — $ 496
Developing Neighborhood
and Community Support Systems
Croatia, Dubrovnik

Emi Fidel Baruh — $ 768
Second International Conference
"The Destiny of Jews in Bulgaria"
France, Strasbourg

Stanislava Zaharieva Zaprianova — $ 1865
International Interdisciplinary Course
on Children's Rights
Belgium, Gent

Stoyanka Georgieva Petrova — $ 337
Cooperation with Central and
Eastern Europe in Youth Issues
France, Strasbourg

Projects in culture

Academy for Roma Children's Art — $ 8300
Music and Dance for Harmonious
Interethnic Relations and Cooperation
Research Project
Bulgaria, Sofia

Balkan Forum — 10 948 000 leva
"Children Theater Workshop"
Bulgaria, Kurdjali

Prof. Ivan Shishmanov National — $ 1000
Ethnopedagogical Association
Gala concert with the participation
of children's groups from different ethnic groups
Bulgaria, Sofia

"Knights of Knowledge" Children Association — 2 131 956 leva — $ 2880
Knights of Knowledge
in the 21st century Project
Bulgaria, Sofia

Boian Papazov and team — $ 1702
Photo exhibition on Bulgarian Karakachans
Bulgaria, Sofia

Forums in Bulgaria

Bulgarian Helsinki Committee — $ 2000
Faith and Temple Architecture
Bulgaria, Sofia

American University in Bulgaria — $ 4550
Second Annual Conference:
Civil Society in South Eastern Europe
Bulgaria, Blagoevgrad

Bulgarian Union of Women — $ 500
Seminar "Receiving and Giving Humanitarian Help"
Bulgaria, Sofia

"Sciences of Man and Society" Foundation — $ 5900
Philosophy Facing the Challenges of Transition
International Conference
Bulgaria, Sofia

Publishing Projects

Initiative students group of — $ 300
St. Kliment Ohridski University of Sofia
Students' Information Magazine
Bulgaria, Sofia

"Hair and Style" Magazine — $ 3000
A Special Edition for Orphans
Bulgaria, Sofia

Institutional Support

"Department of International Relations" — $ 3360
Association
Institutional Support for One Year
Bulgaria, Sofia

Free Speech Civil Forum — 101 916 leva
Institutional support
Bulgaria, Sofia

"Future for Bulgaria" Foundation — 7 879 364 leva
Institutional support
Bulgaria, Sofia

"Nadezhda" Association — 905 569 leva — $ 1714
Institutional Support
Bulgaria, Bourgas

Foundation "Vita Terra" — 2 703 056 leva
Institutional support
Bulgaria, Sofia

"Dr Zhelyo Zhelev" Foundation — 7 565 373 leva
Institutional support
Bulgaria, Sofia

"Dabrash" Foundation — $ 2851
Institutional support
Bulgaria, Satovcha

Foundation "Art without Limits" — 1 116 788 leva — $ 610
Institutional support
Bulgaria, Gabrovo

Foundation Balkan Civic Network — $ 4540
Institutional support
Bulgaria, Sofia

Other Projects

Institute for East European — $ 8142
Humanitarian Research
The Rhodope Mountains –
A Model for Tolerance on the Balkans
Bulgaria, Smolyan

Angel Kunchev and team — $ 4950
Ethnic and Religious Tolerance – an Integral Part of Democracy in Bulgaria
Bulgaria, Kurdjali

Georgi Markov and team — $ 3556
Maritime Meetings Clio'97
Bulgaria, Primorsko

Bulgarian Youth Alliance for Development — 7 000 000 leva
NGO training
Bulgaria, Sofia

Scientific Team of the Center for Ideological Research — $ 2820
Faculty of Philosophy
St. Kliment Ohridski University of Sofia
Political Language in Bulgaria and Great Britain
Scientific Conference
Bulgaria, Sofia

National Student Strike Committee — 1 619 144 leva
Civil Activity and Public Involvement of Students and Their Participation in Higher Education Reform
Bulgaria, Sofia

National Association of Youth Clubs of United Nations — $ 1500
Fostering civil activity of young people through simulation games
Bulgaria, Sofia

"Help for Charity in Bulgaria" Foundation — 4 521 800 leva
Training seminar in gathering information from citizens
Bulgaria, Karlovo

Agency for Social Analyses — 3 750 000 leva $ 500
The role of the Executive Power in the Development of Civil Society in Bulgaria
Bulgaria, Sofia

B'nei B'rith — $ 10 955
Family History and Historical Destiny of Bulgarian Jews – a cultural and anthropological research
Bulgaria, Sofia

Ivaylo Hristov Videv — $ 300
Work with people with education difficulties
Great Britain

Boriana Dimitrova and team — $ 4500
Bulgarian Elections 1990-1996: Results, Analysis and Trends
Bulgaria, Sofia

Orlin Filev and team — $ 3000
Preparation of draft concept for weekly newspaper on politics, economy and culture
Bulgaria, Sofia

Youth Association Art Forum — $ 4560
Drug Abuse Prevention Among Children
Bulgaria, Pazardzhik

Civil Society Association — $ 3680
The Referendum – An Overlooked Opportunity of Democracy
Bulgaria, Sofia

Student Coordination Committee at the University of Sofia — $ 900
Students elections at the St. Kliment Ohridski University of Sofia
Bulgaria, Sofia

Foundation "Art against Violence" — $ 4720
Drug Abuse Prevention in the Army
Bulgaria, Sofia

Youth Research Foundation — $ 5000
Situation of the Youth Movement in Bulgaria and Opportunities for Establishment of a National Youth Council
Bulgaria, Sofia

Balkan Colleges Foundation — $ 4859
Curricula development for Balkan schools
Bulgaria, Sofia

Center for Independent Journalism Foundation — 4 973 863 leva
Citizen's Access to the Media
Bulgaria, Sofia

Center for Social Practices — $ 2616
Dimensions of Civil Society in the Values Motivation and Activities of the Political Elite
Bulgaria, Sofia

Committee of the Parents and Relatives of People Died in the Army — $ 5000
Civil Control on the Army
Bulgaria, Sofia

Foundation "Idea for Theater" — $ 5000
Cultural Space for Everyone
Bulgaria, Sofia

Access to Information Program — 9 888 454 leva
Research on the Public Awareness of the Access to Information
Bulgaria, Sofia

Valeri Grigorov Stoyanov — $ 1156
The Turkish Population in Bulgaria between the Extremes of Ethic Policy
Bulgaria, Sofia

"Media with Human Face" Association — 13 884 500 leva
"Neighbors and Friends"
Bulgaria, Plovdiv

Policy Research Center Association — $ 3315
Local Media and Local Government: Influence on Electoral Participation in regions with mixed population
Bulgaria, Shoumen

Health Prevention Initiative — $ 4960
Regional Training Program on the Prophylaxis AIDS
Bulgaria, Haskovo

Union of Socially Responsible Citizens — $ 4500
Civil Action for Minimizing Youth Unemployment under Currency Board
Bulgaria, Montana

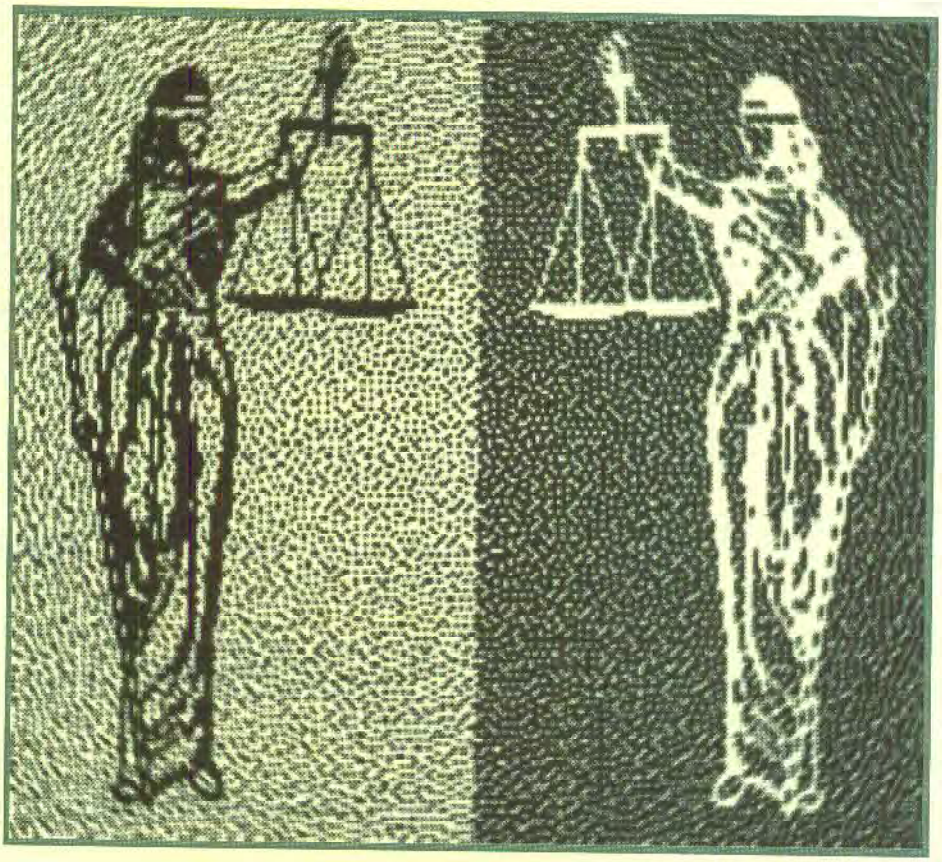
FACE Association — $ 2763
Research on Civil Participation
Bulgaria, Sofia

Psycho-social Development Foundation — $ 2500
Social Care Program for Children and Young People
Bulgaria, Sofia

Donka Srebrenova Prodanova — $ 684
The Contribution of EU in the Development of Civil Society in Central and Eastern Europe
Hungary, Budapest

Folk Fare Association — $ 2000
NGOs and Community Centers and Their Place in Contemporary Social Life
Bulgaria, Sofia

The Fund supported the publication of theoretical research works on European law and various articles on legal issues.



The first contemporary electronic archive in Bulgaria, established at the Bulgarian Legal Development Institute, is a unique source of information on the legislation of all developed countries in the world, their judiciary systems, legal practice, and the structure and mechanisms of their state apparatus.

The carefully indexed and user-friendly database is accessible to both legal and other professionals.

State and Law Fund

In 1997 the Fund gave priority to the updating of existing legislation, public and administrative structures, methods and mechanism of crime prevention, and the better qualification of Bulgarian legal practitioners.

Special attention was paid to local government reform, the supply of information to Bulgarian law-enforcement organs and the judiciary, and bringing Bulgarian legislation into line with the European standards.

The Fund supported projects of Bulgarian NGOs working in cooperation with representatives of national legislative organs, as well as projects involving the automation and computerization of judiciary and crime-prevention activities.

The State and Law Fund financed a number of scientific conferences and seminars on the constitutional, legal and administrative problems of legal reform, as well as the participation of Bulgarian lawyers in summer programs in American and British legal methods.

Support was also granted to projects involving the creation of specialized databases, as well as to research projects on the theoretical and practical aspects of law. The first contemporary electronic archive in Bulgaria, established at the Bulgarian Legal Development Institute, is a unique source of information on the legislation of all developed countries in the world, their judiciary systems, legal practice, and the structure and mechanisms of their state apparatus. The carefully indexed and user-friendly database is accessible to both legal practitioners and other professionals.

Long-term Specialization Courses Abroad

Atanas Markov Semov — $ 1455
European Union Law
France, Nancy

Elisaveta Zdravkova Simeonova — $ 515
International Course for Public Administration
France, Paris

Hristo Georgiev Hristov — $ 1500
European Union Law
Bulgaria, Sofia

Iliana Spasova Borisova — $ 1587
Masters in Business Administration
France, Paris

Nikolay Stefanov Runevski — $ 3000
International Private Law
France, Strasbourg

Short-term Specialization Courses Abroad

Anna Stoianova Mihneva – Natova — $ 315
Summer School in English Legal Methods
Great Britain, Cambridge

Desislava Angelova Bizheva — $ 500
Academy of American and International Law
USA, Dallas, Washington

Dobrinka Ivanova Chankova — 80 000 leva
Human Rights Course
Austria, Stadtschlaining

Hristina Todorova Balabanova — $ 485
Legal Statute of the Government Employees
Austria, Vienna

Kalin Stilianov Velev — $ 372
Manush Angelov Hristov — $ 355
Stanislava Evgenieva Angelcheva — $ 375
Summer Program in American Law
The Netherlands, Amsterdam

Marius Angelov Velichkov — $ 900
International Law – private investment
abroad and business transactions
USA, Dallas, Texas

Miroslav Georgiev Angelov — $ 122
Summer course in European Law
Austria, Graz

Petar Andreev Andreev — $ 444
Trade Unions and their Role
in Industrial Relations
Great Britain, Oxford

Silvana Liubenova Angelovska — $ 390
Protection of Basic Human Rights
in European Law
France, Montpellier

Nikolay Nankov Nenchev — $ 1300
Public Administration
USA, Washington

Nikolay Simeonov Natov — $ 315
International Private Law
Great Britain, Cambridge

Velizar Mateev Shalamanov — $ 390
Summer course on International Security.
Germany, Hamburg

Conferences and Seminars Abroad

Dimitar Georgiev Rashev — $ 1117
Rositza Nikolaeva Kukusheva — $ 1117
4th Ordinary Session of the Legal Committee
of Europe Broadcasting Union
Switzerland, Geneva

Rumen Petrov Cholov — $ 320
Delegation in Roman Law and
in Modern European Legislative Systems
Italy, Crotona

Todor Vladimirov Burilkov — $ 704
31st Congress de l'Union Internationale des Avocats
USA, Philadelphia

Fatme Musa Iliyaz — $ 400
Mediation and Peaceful Conflict Resolution.
The Netherlands, Hague

Conferences and Seminars in Bulgaria

Legal Association – Bourgas, — $ 500
Open Society Club – Bourgas,
"St. St. Cyril and Methodius"
International Foundation – joint project
Rights of Children and Women in
Bulgaria, Practice and Legislation
Bulgaria, Bourgas

Ruslan Semerdjiev and Team — $ 2000
Co-operation between Representatives
of the Local Government and NGOs
in the Process of Decision-making
Concerning Local and Regional Problems.
Bulgaria, Sofia

Association for Ecological — $ 2000
Training and Management
Principles of Ecological Legislation
Bulgaria, Smolyan

Centre for the Study of Democracy — $ 2356
Tax Legislation Reform – Legal Framework
Bulgaria, Varna

Cash and Equipment Donations

Bulgarian Institute for Legal Development — 4 048 412 leva — $ 9220
Establishing a Public Archives for Legal Data
Bulgaria, Sofia

Bulgarian Association for
Fair Elections and Civil Rights
Technical equipment
Bulgaria, Sofia
$ 160

Institute for Regional and International Research
Institutional Assistance
Bulgaria. Sofia
5 564 315 leva $ 3035

National Police, Criminal Department
Integrated Information System
Bulgaria, Sofia
$ 6740

Institute of Criminology,
Ministry of Internal Affairs
Electronic processing of images
for criminal identification
Bulgaria, Sofia
4 516 119 leva

Regional Police Department – Varna
Integrated information system
Bulgaria, Varna
22 938 117 leva $ 2150

Prosecutor's Office of the Military Forces
Bulgaria, Sofia, Plovdiv, Sliven, Varna, Pleven
26 250 302 leva

Regional Court of Justice – Bourgas
Hardware and software
for Regional Court – Bourgas
Bulgaria, Bourgas
45 094 208 leva

Regional Police Department – Plovdiv
Institutional Assistance
Bulgaria, Plovdiv
35 704 339 leva

District Court of Justice – Sofia
Integrated information system
Bulgaria, Sofia
17 566 257 leva

Center for Public Administration
New Bulgarian University
Pilot Project – "Central Government
Officials Education Needs Assessment"
Bulgaria, Sofia
15 853 419 leva $ 13 978

Center for Management and Entrepreneurship
Defining the principal aspects and
the thematic scope of the
Local Government Reform Program
Bulgaria, Varna
3 407 240 leva $ 1000

Institute for Regional and International Research
Institutional Support
Bulgaria, Sofia
$ 2035

Informational Technologies Institute,
Bulgarian Academy of Sciences
Informational System of
Automatic Handwriting Analysis
Bulgaria, Sofia
3 969 523 leva

Publishing expenses

Institute for Political and Legal Research
Bulgarian Academy of Sciences
3 editions of the Parliamentary Democracy Journal
Bulgaria, Sofia
$ 1000

Legal Studies Institute,
Bulgarian Academy of Sciences
A Book of Scientific Articles
on Harmonization of
Bulgarian Law with the Law of the EU
Bulgaria, Sofia
$ 1000

Center for Social Practices
Dynamics of the Electoral Dispositions
Bulgaria, Sofia
$ 624

Project development

Open Society Club in Sliven
Community participation in
Tax Law Violation Prevention
Bulgaria, Sliven
$ 915

Team of Legal Experts
Political and Legal Aspects of the Life
of Bulgarian Jews
Bulgaria, Sofia
$ 1500

Team of Legal Experts
Draft Law – Loyal Competition
Bulgaria, Sofia
$ 575

Team of Legal Experts at the
Bourgas Free University
Bulgarian Criminal Index
Bulgaria, Bourgas
$ 2600

Municipal Foundation, Plovdiv
Month of European Culture – Plovdiv 1999
Bulgaria, Plovdiv
$ 1900

UNDP
Establishment of the
Early Warning System in Bulgaria
Bulgaria, Sofia
$ 10 000

"Support for the Disabled" Foundation
Updating the Legal Acts Concerning Disabled People
Bulgaria, Sofia
$ 1510

With the assistance of the American Sabre Foundation and the Center for the Study of Democracy in Sofia, a new donation of 21,000 volumes of literature on medicine, law, foreign language teaching and the humanities was distributed among specialized libraries in Bulgaria.



The Libraries Fund supported a joint project of 10 medical libraries and cooperated with the Regional Library Program of the Open Society Institute – Budapest for a US $25,000 donation, of which enriched the library collections with new publications in all areas of medicine.

Libraries Fund

In 1997 the Fund continued the development of the National Automated Library Information Network (NALIN) Project, which aims to introduce modern information technologies to Bulgarian libraries, to connect the existing databases and to facilitate the exchange of information and access to Internet. In 1997, the Fund set as its priorities:

- To conclude and publicize among Bulgarian librarians the National Program for the Preservation of Library Collections;
- To support the enrichment of existing library collections with new specialized and reference literature, selected by experts or donated by international organizations. Special attention was given to projects involving the supply of educational materials and textbooks in Bulgarian to school and community center libraries;
- To support projects facilitating the education in of young librarians;
- To support the participation of Bulgarian librarians and information specialists in international seminars, workshops and conferences.

One of the most significant initiatives supported by the Fund was a joint project carried out in cooperation with the Union of Bulgarian Librarians, for development of a National Program for the Preservation of Library Collections. It will serve as a basis for initiating individual library projects for the preservation and conservation of Bulgarian literary heritage.

Cooperation with the Regional Library Program of the Open Society Institute – Budapest was very successful in 1997. The Libraries Fund received additional funds totaling nearly US $90,000 for:

- the IFLA Voucher Scheme Program – under this program six university and scientific libraries received 3,750 vouchers for international and inter-library exchange, worth US $30,000;
- the next stage of the NALIN Project;
- technical equipment for the library of the Economic University in Varna;
- the medical literature project, under which ten medical libraries received specialized medical literature worth of US $20,000;
- a seminar on the problems of the preservation and conservation of library collections;
- a competition for a three-month fellowship at the U.S. Library of Congress.

Short-term Internships Abroad

Liliana Ignatova Yanakieva — 644 800 leva
Short-term Internship in the Field
of Archival Science
Paris, France

Lachezar Vlachkov Kounchev — $ 272
New Technologies in Libraries in Germany
Berlin, Germany

Reni Dicheva Marcheva-Kanova — 1 255 073 leva — $ 30
Internship "New Preservation
and Conservation Technologies"
Andover, Massachusetts, USA

Stefka Ivanova Ivanova — 615 023 leva
Internship
"Medical Library Services in Great Britain"
London, Great Britain

Ana-Maria Vladimirova Yankova — 2 513 932 leva — $ 120
Short-term Internship
Library of Congress
Washington D.C., USA

Scholarships for Studies in Bulgaria

Danka Kirilova Dimova — 150 000 leva
Tuition
Sofia, Bulgaria

Participation in Seminars and Workshops Abroad

Dimitrjika Nikolova Stefanova — 833 560 leva — $ 450
IFLA Annual International Conference
"Libraries and the Information
for a Human Progress"
Copenhagen, Denmark

Elissaveta Ivanova Petkova — 631 160 leva — $ 135
Annual Study Weekend in Glasgow
and Study Tour in
Musical Academic Libraries
Glasgow and London, Great Britain

Emilia Vesselinova Staneva-Milkova — 488 130 leva — $ 234
Conference "Libraries and
Library Associations in a Changing World:
New Technologies and
New Forms of Co-operation"
Pharos, Ukraine

Ludmila Simeonova Stoyanova — 677 870 leva
Library Exhibition "*Libtech International'97*"
Hatfield, Great Britain

Maria Konstantinova Yordanova — $ 100
"Public Libraries in a New Europe" Conference
Budapest, Hungary

Natalia Nikolaeva Medovchikova — 488 130 leva — $ 234
Conference "Libraries and
Library Associations in a Changing World:
New Technologies and
New Forms of Co-operation"
Pharos, Ukraine

Cultural Projects

Kiril Lubomirov Topalov — $ 354
Visit to the New National Library
Frankfurt, Germany

Maria Jeleva Kostova — $ 133
Visit to the Humboldt University Library
Berlin, Germany

Membership Fees

Association of Library — $ 1253
and Information Specialists in Bulgaria
Membership Fees to the IFLA and EBLIDA
Sofia, Bulgaria

Cash and Equipment Donations

"Ivan Vazov" National Library — 2 308 979 leva — $ 3385
NALIN Project: Computer Equipment for
the Development of
the Local Library Automation System
Plovdiv, Bulgaria

"P. R. Slaveikov" National Library — $ 1285
NALIN Project: Computer Equipment
for the Development of
the Local Library Automation System
Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria

"Pencho Slaveikov" Public Library — 773 052 leva
NALIN Project: Building of a
Telecommunications
Library Information Center
linked to the Internet
Varna, Bulgaria

"Prof. B. Tzonev" Public Library — $ 1050
NALIN Project: Second Stage
of Building the Library Automation System
Lovech, Bulgaria

"Geo Milev" Public Library — 802 139 leva
NALIN Project: Additional Equipment
for Building a Telecommunications Connection
to the NALIN Basic Center
Montana, Bulgaria

"Nikola Fournadjiev" Public Library — $ 1050
NALIN Project: Technical equipment for
the local automation system
Pazardjik, Bulgaria

"Luben Karavelov" Public Library — $ 1285
NALIN Project: Technical equipment for
the local library automation system
Rouse, Bulgaria

Higher Institute of Food, — 2 352 215 leva
Wine and Tobacco Industries
Library
NALIN Project: Technical Equipment for
the 3rd stage of the development of
the automation library system
Plovdiv, Bulgaria

Sts. Cyril and Methodius National Library — $ 8635
NALIN Project: Technical Equipment
for readers' access to the Internet and
the databases of the National Library
Sofia, Bulgaria

"P. K. Yavorov" Public Library — $ 2335
NALIN Project: Technical Equipment for
the library automation system
Bourgas, Bulgaria

Sofia City Library — 12 020 357 leva
NALIN Project: Technical Equipment for
the library automation system
Sofia, Bulgaria

Central Agricultural Library — $ 1050
NALIN Project: Technical Equipment for
building a library automation system
Sofia, Bulgaria

"Zora" Community Centre — 2 319 696 leva
Library
NALIN Project: PC Equipment
Sliven, Bulgaria

St. Kliment Ohridski University of Sofia — $ 2100
Department for Library Sciences,
Scientific Information and Cultural Policy
PC Equipment
Sofia, Bulgaria

Regional Library — 1 827 932 leva
Technical Equipment for library services
to disadvantaged persons
Dobrich, Bulgaria

Library College — 609 653 leva
"Minolta" Xerox Equipment
Sofia, Bulgaria

Book Donations

"Tsar Ivan Assen" Secondary School — 611 792 leva — $ 162
School Library
Textbooks and technical equipment
Sofia, Bulgaria

"Simeon Radev" Secondary School — 352 380 leva
School Library
Textbooks in Bulgarian language
Sofia, Bulgaria

Bulgarian Academy of Sciences
Institute for Bulgarian Language — 348 420 leva
Library
Literature in Bulgarian language for
book exchange
Sofia, Bulgaria

Bulgarian Academy of Sciences
Institute for philosophical researches — $ 832
Library
Scientific Literature
Sofia, Bulgaria

"Svetoslav Minkov" Public Library — 823 880 leva
Reference Books and Art Books
Pernik, Bulgaria

"Nikola Vranchev" Public Library — 701 400 leva
Reference Books and Textbooks
Smolyan, Bulgaria

Higher Medical Institute — 71 207 leva — $ 1984
Medical Textbooks
Plovdiv, Bulgaria

"Panajot Volov" Military College — 1 065 273 leva
Library
Textbooks and Scientific Literature
Shoumen, Bulgaria

House of Humor and Satire — 187 000 leva — $ 194
Library
Reference Books
Gabrovo, Bulgaria

State University Hospital of — $ 2582
Neurology and Psychiatry
Library
Specialized Medical Literature
Sofia, Bulgaria

Institute for East-European Human Studies — $ 400
Textbooks in Bulgarian Language for
Primary Schools in the Smolyan Region
Smolyan, Bulgaria

Sts. Cyril and Methodius National Library — 34 646 leva — $ 4123
Reference Literature and
Historical Geographical Maps of Bulgaria
Sofia, Bulgaria

Sts. Cyril and Methodius National Library — $ 637
Foreign Periodical Subscription
Sofia, Bulgaria

"Dimcho Debelyanov" Community Center — 68 943 leva
Library
Fiction Literature, Textbooks and Reference Books
Sofia, Bulgaria

"Dobri Vojnikov" Community Center — 350 718 leva
Library
Reference Books
Shoumen, Bulgaria

National Center of Hygiene, — $ 2490
Medical Ecology and Nutrition
Library
Comprehensive Toxicology Encyclopaedia
in 13 volumes
Sofia Bulgaria

New Bulgarian University — $ 16 664
Library
Specialized Scientific Educational Literature
and Information on videos and CD ROM's
Sofia, Bulgaria

"Iskra" Community Center — 762 728 leva
Library
Textbooks and Reference Books
Garmen village, Bulgaria

"Elin Pelin" Community Center — 157 143 leva
Library
Reference Books in Bulgarian language
Elin Pelin, Bulgaria

Razlog Community Center — 60 012 leva — $ 42
Library
National Geographic Magazine
Annual Subscription and
Reference Books in Bulgarian language
Razlog, Bulgaria

"Otez Paisiy" Primary School — 356 260 leva
Library
Textbooks in Bulgarian Language
Gorno Dryanovo village, Bulgaria

"Ioan Exarch" English Language School — $ 384
School Library
Textbooks in English Language
Varna, Bulgaria

"St. Kliment Ohridski" Secondary Language School — 711 328 leva
School Library
Textbooks in Bulgarian, English
and French languages
Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria

"Sofronii Vrachanski" Secondary School — 362 154 leva
School Library
Textbooks
Plovdiv, Bulgaria

"St. Kliment Ohridski" University of Sofia — 66 716 leva — $ 2160
Central University Library
Reference Books
Sofia, Bulgaria

Sofia City Library — 1 725 418 leva
World Book Reference Books
Sofia, Bulgaria

Tzena Mileva — 456 500 leva
Textbooks and Reference Books
in Bulgarian Language
Paris, France

Centre for the Study of Democracy — 6 671 315 leva — $ 7500
Joint Project with USA Sabre Foundation
Book Donation with 20 500 volumes
specialized scientific and educational
literature in English,
donated by the Sabre Foundation
Bulgaria

NGO Center — $ 506
Library
Reference Books in the field of
non-profit organizations
Plovdiv, Bulgaria

"Aleko Konstantinov" Community Center — 177 860 leva
Library
Reference Books
Sofia, Bulgaria

"Christo Smirnenski" Community Center — 151 757 leva
Library
Reference Books
Zlatitza, Bulgaria

Vladislav Ivanov — $ 1000
Textbooks
Durham, USA

Publishing Expenses

Bulgarian Academy of Sciences — 1 817 800 leva
"Bulgarian Chemical Communications"
Institute of Chemical Engineering
Sofia, Bulgaria

Association of the Library — $ 515
and Information Specialists in Bulgaria
Proceedings of a National Conference'1997
and Information Bulletin 2'97
Sofia, Bulgaria

Joint Projects with the Regional Library Program of the Open Society Institute – Budapest

IFLA Voucher Scheme Program

Sts. Cyril and Methodius National Library — $ 8000
1000 vouchers
Sofia, Bulgaria

Bulgarian Academy of Sciences — $ 3200
Central Library
400 vouchers
Sofia, Bulgaria

St. Kliment Ohridski University of Sofia — $ 7200
Central University Library
900 vouchers
Sofia, Bulgaria

Central Medical Library — $ 6800
800 vouchers
Sofia, Bulgaria

Central Agricultural Library — $ 1600
200 vouchers
Sofia, Bulgaria

Central Technological Library — $ 3200
400 vouchers
Sofia, Bulgaria

Specialized Medical Literature Project

Central Medical Library — $ 10 083
Specialized Educational and Scientific Literature in medicine
Sofia, Bulgaria

State University Hospital of Endocrinology and Gerontology — $ 1627
Library
Specialized Medical Books
Sofia, Bulgaria

State University Hospital of Pulmonary Diseases — $ 846
Library
Specialized Medical Literature
Sofia, Bulgaria

"Queen Joanna" State University Hospital — $ 2047
Department of Medical Genetics
Specialized Medical Literature
Sofia, Bulgaria

"St. Anne" State University Hospital — $ 1033
Library
Neurological Handbook with CD ROM
Sofia, Bulgaria

Medical University — $ 839
Faculty of Stomatology
Library
Medical Literature
Sofia, Bulgaria

Medical University — $ 1874
Faculty of Pediatrics
Library
Specialized Medical Literature
Sofia, Bulgaria

Medical University — $ 1641
Faculty of Neurology
Library
Medical Literature in Neurology
Sofia, Bulgaria



Five students at Bulgarian universities won an open competition to study for the academic year 1997/1998 in the following U.S. universities: the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville; the University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire; the University of Montana; Montana State University, and Brandeis University.

This is a joint initiative carried out in cooperation with the Open Society Institute – New York and the respective American universities. The students received scholarships covering all their tuition, travel and living expenses.

International Exchange Fund

Throughout 1997 the Fund's programs supported the scientific work of Bulgarian scholars at leading foreign universities and institutes, the presentation of Bulgarian scientific research works at international forums abroad and the participation of foreign experts in conferences and symposia held in Bulgaria.

The Fund supports two main types of projects: individual projects applying for financing, and projects initiated by the Foundation.

The Fund's traditional partnership with foreign institutes and organizations resulted in a number of competitions for participation in:

- Salzburg Seminars: eight Bulgarian participants were invited to join different sessions of the seminars;
- Sonnenberg Seminars: attended by 18 Bulgarian scholars;
- Europe Summer Seminar of the National Research Center in Paris: four participants were selected via an open competition;
- Halki Seminars, Greece: attended by four Bulgarian participants;
- Summer Students' Seminars at the Universities of Rennes and Strasbourg, France: six students from different Bulgarian universities were invited to participate.

The Fund's traditional competition for one- to three-month research projects at leading foreign institutes and universities was organized for the third time in 1997. It provided the opportunity for four Bulgarian scholars to work on the topic "Bulgaria: Between the East and the West After the 19th Century."

Regional Students Exchange Program

Five students at Bulgarian universities won an open competition to study for the academic year 1997/1998 in the following U.S. universities: the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville; the University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire; the University of Montana; Montana State University, and Brandeis University. This is a joint initiative carried out in cooperation with the Open Society Institute – New York and the respective American universities. The students received scholarships covering all their tuition, travel, accommodation and living expenses.

Regional High School Students Exchange Program

Thirty-one students from the English Language High Schools in Bourgas, Lovech, Pazardjik, Pernik, Pravetz, Plovdiv, Razgrad, Rousse, Sofia, Stara Zagora and Haskovo, the National Aprilov Gymnasium in Gabrovo and the American College in Sofia were selected through an open competition to study in the USA and the UK for the academic year 1997/1998. The Program is a joint initiative financed by the Open Society Institute – New York and carried out in cooperation with various British and American institutions and organizations. It includes five- to six-week summer courses in the USA (Choater Rosemary Hall, Syracuse University Summer College, West Chester University, Center for Cultural Interchange); one-semester program in the USA (Center for Cultural Interchange); one-year program (in private schools in the UK, under the educational programs of the Rotary Club of the United States or with the Center for Cultural Interchange in the USA). The participants received scholarships covering all their tuition, travel and accommodation living expenses.

Long-term Specialization Courses Abroad

Boryana Slavova Yaneva — 821 400 leva
Archive Sciences
Paris, France

Dimitar Yordanov Ginev — $ 700
Hermeneutic Philosophy of Science
Melbourne, Australia

Radoslava Velcheva Ilcheva — $ 240
The Political and Heroic Myth
of Peter 1st in Russian Literature
St. Petersburg, Russia

Spas Angelov Rangelov — 1 507 840 leva
Korean Language and Ph.D. Paper
Seoul, Korea

Svetla Yovcheva Koleva — 923 670 leva — $ 60
Sociology in Central and Eastern Europe
and Contemporary Sociological Practice
Toulouse, France

Short-term Specialization Courses Abroad

Albena Lazarova Georgieva — 767 589 leva
Comparative Analysis of
Contemporary Folklore and Popular Culture
in Bulgaria and Finland
Helsinki, Finland

Boryana Ivanova Dimitrova — 578 200 leva — $ 50
Europe Summer Seminar
Paris, France

Daniela Ivanova Bogdanova — 406 692 leva
Pottery in the Late Metal Epoch
in the Pistris Emporion
Prague, Czech Republic

Dimitar Georgiev Zashev — 595 764 leva
Reflections of a Post-totalitarian Democracy
and Myths about the Change
in the French Press 1989-1995
Paris, France

Ekaterina Lyubenova Nikova — $ 3700
Unattainable Modernity: The Balkans during
the Second Half of the 20th Century
Washington, USA

Evgenia Nikolaeva Davidova — $ 437
Aspects of Commercial Ethics
in the 19th Century – Examples
from Bulgarian History
Cambridge, Great Britain

Hristo Chavdarov Karabadzhakov — $ 386
Specialization Course in Philosophy
at the University of Copenhagen
Copenhagen, Denmark

Kamen Dimitrov Dimitrov — $ 466
Pre-Roman Macedonian and
Thracian Bronze Coins in Oxford
Oxford, Great Britain

Konstantin Petrov Boshnakov — 608 308 leva — $ 77
Preparing a Book at
the Franz Steiner Publishing House
Saarbruecken, Germany

Lachezar Stoyanov Stoyanov — 617 730 leva
Soviet Factor on Bulgarian Balkan Policy
during the 40ies of the 20th Century
Moscow, Russia

Lizabet Lyubenova Varbanova — 714 350 leva — $ 2000
Bulgarian Graduates of
the Vienna University 1878-1944
Vienna, Austria

Lyudmila Konstantinova Kostova — 381 766 leva
Talking about the Periphery. The Balkans
in British Literature and Travel Stories
from 19th Century
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Braunschweig, Germany

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Paris, France

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7th International Congress on Mongolic Science
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"Human Being – Philosophy-Humanism"
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International Congress of the Teachers
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Amsterdam, The Netherlands

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International Conference "Literary Studies
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Moscow, Russia

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Conference dedicated to
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35th International Congress of Asian
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Stimulating its Development
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Research Team, Prof. Elena Statelova — $ 9200
Institute of History,
Bulgarian Academy of Sciences
The Policy of the Bulgarian State in
the Transition to Market Economy,
1879 – 20s of the 20th c.
The Policy of the Bulgarian State for Economic
and Cultural Development in the Period between
the Two World Wars
Bulgaria, Sofia

Research Team, Prof. Garabed Minasyan — $ 4000
Institute of Economics,
Bulgarian Academy of Sciences
Evaluation of the Effects of
the Currency Board in Bulgaria
Bulgaria, Sofia

Research Team, Kosta Bogatzevski — $ 5000
Strategy for Examining and
Prevention of Economic Crimes
Bulgaria, Sofia

Research Team, Nikita Shervashidze — $ 4340
Energy Issues in
Market Economy. 2nd stage:
The Impact of the Currency Board:
Bulgaria, Sofia

Research Team, Nina Nikolova — $ 3500
State and Private Tourist Companies in Bulgaria
Bulgaria, Sofia

Research Team, Orlin Marinchev — $ 5200
Defense Economics and
Security Policy of Bulgaria in the 90s
Bulgaria, Sofia

Research Team, Stefan Petranov — $ 4850
First Round of Mass Privatization in Bulgaria:
Investment Strategies and Results
Bulgaria, Sofia

Research Team, Svilen Parvulov — $ 9900
Integration of Bulgarian Capital Market into
Global Financial Markets
Bulgaria, Sofia

Research Team, Venetzi Gergov — $ 4950
Liberalization of Commerce Rules in
Bulgaria – 2nd stage
Bulgaria, Sofia

Research Team, Vladimir Tzarevski — 5000
Capital Market in Bulgaria
Bulgaria, Sofia

Research Team, Yonko Yotov — $ 4990
University of National and World Economy
Reproduction of Human Resources in
Bulgaria and Prospects for the Labor Market

Roden Krai Foundation – Tryavna — $ 1500
Development of Tourism in
the Region of Tryavna
Bulgaria, Tryavna

Teaching Team, Liubomir Lilov — $ 1500
Introduction to Social Economy
Bulgaria, Sofia

Zora Foundation — $ 4850
Taxation in the Transition Period:
Issues and Pending Changes
Bulgaria, Sofia

Publishing Expenses

Institute of Economics — $ 1000
Bulgarian Academy of Sciences
Abstracts from a Scientific Conference
Bulgaria, Sofia

Economic Thought Monthly — $ 800
Publishing Expenses for an
Annual Edition in English
Bulgaria, Sofia

Statistics Monthly — 1 374 880 leva
Publishing Expenses for 1997
Bulgaria, Sofia

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Raina Kabaivanska Charity Fund

The Raina Kabaivanska Charity Fund continued to search for talented children from the orphanages in Bulgaria and to support their education in music and the arts.

The year 1997 marked significant progress in the skills of the children whom the Fund had provided with individual training or an opportunity to join the various extracurricular art classes organized in the orphanages.

The group performances during the summer camps in Ravda and Kranevo emphasized the necessity to improve the qualification of art teachers. Most of them are not professionally trained to teach arts, and need special skills to work with children.

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Three years ago, the Fund initiated an educational program in music for talented children, selected each year from orphanages all over the country. The Program started in the village of Stoykite, near Smolyan. Last fall the children were transferred to the Rada Kirkovich Hostel in Plovdiv, and they will continue their education at the Dobrin Petkov High School of Music.





Galia Mitkova Orphanage for Children in Pre-School Age – Yambol Music Classes Yambol, Bulgaria	170 000 leva
Galia Stoyanova Orphanage for Children in Pre-School Age – Yambol Music Classes Yambol, Bulgaria	45 000 leva
Milkana Popova Piano Classes in the Karlsruhe Academy of Music Karlsruhe, Germany	$ 420
Boris Stankov Fourth School for Children with Disabilitics Music Classes Bulgaria	60 000 leva
Borislav Danev Orphanage for Children in Pre-School Age – Blagoevgrad Music Classes Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria	180 000 leva
Zornitsa Goranova Scholarship for studies in the State Academy of Music Sofia, Bulgaria	237 005 leva
Sevdalina Marinova Nikolay Ivanov Elena Damianova Orphanage for Children in Pre-School Age – Balvan village Music Classes Veliko Turnovo, Bulgaria	270 400 leva
Dessislava Hristova Tzvetelina Assenova School for Children with Disabilities – Targovishte Art Classes Targovishte, Bulgaria	120 000 leva
Slavi Mihaylov Music Classes Bulgaria	20 000 leva
Ivan Naidenov Orphanage for Children in Pre-School Age – Vratsa Music Classes Vratsa, Bulgaria	22 500 leva
Maria Andreeva Andreeva Scholarship for studies in iconography at the Sts. Cyril and Methodius University of Veliko Turnovo Veliko Turnovo, Bulgaria	229 600 leva
Rositza Bancheva Banova Piano Classes in the San Francisco Conservatory San Francisco, USA	$ 500
Stefan Borissov Kotzev Music training in the High School of Music in Pleven Pleven, Bulgaria	170 000 leva
Krassimira Kostadinova School for Children with Disabilities – Stara Zagora Art Classes Stara Zagora, Bulgaria	60 000 leva
School for Juvenile Delinquents Children's' Music Band Veliko Turnovo, Bulgaria	390 000 leva
Rada Kirkovich Orphanage for Children in Pre-School Age – Plovdiv Music Training for Talented Children Plovdiv, Bulgaria	1 887 000 leva
Iconography Club Orphanage for Children in Pre-School Age – Panagurishte Panagurishte, Bulgaria	120 000 leva
Orphanage for Children in School Age – Assenovetz village Folklore Group Assenovetz Village, Bulgaria	33 000 leva
Orphanage for Children in School Age – Blagoevgrad Regional Children Summit Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria	1 570 000 leva
Orphanage for Children in Pre-School Age – Dalboki village "Patilantsi" Children's Choir Stara Zagora, Bulgaria	150 000 leva
Orphanage for Children in High School Age – Veliko Turnovo Dance Group Veliko Turnovo, Bulgaria	65 080 leva
School for Children with Disabilities – Slavianovo village Children's Choir Haskovo, Bulgaria	150 000 leva
School for Juvenile Delinquents – Zalevo village Art Classes Zalevo village, Bulgaria	120 000 leva
Tzvete Theater Performances in the orphanages in the region of Montana Montana, Bulgaria	$ 580
Dobrin Petkov High School of Music – Plovdiv Music Classes for the children from Rada Kirkovich orphanage in Plovdiv Plovdiv, Bulgaria	415 000 leva
Summer Art Camps for orphans Bulgaria	3 830 126 leva
Puppet Theater sets for orphanages for children in pre-school age	2 917 950 leva
Regional Festivals of the orphanages	48 920 leva



Soros Professional English Language Teaching (SPELT) Regional Program

The Program is financed by the Open Society Institute – New York, under the academic guidance of the University of Montana, USA. Under this program American teachers with Master of Arts degrees in English work as English language teachers in Bulgarian schools. The Program is approved by the Ministry of Education and is carried out in cooperation with the respective Bulgarian schools. In the academic year 1996/97 there were four teachers involved in the Program. In the academic year 1997/98 five American teachers are working at the following schools: the Joan Exarch English Language High School, Varna; the National Aprilov Gymnasium, Gabrovo; the Zahari Stoyanov English Language High School, Sliven; Second English Language High School, Sofia.

Foreign Language Teaching Program

The Program addresses the pressing need for qualified specialists in foreign language teaching and supports projects and initiatives carried out in Bulgaria and abroad.

After a competition two training seminars in teaching foreign languages to young learners were organized in Sofia and in Plovdiv, in an effort to address one of the main priorities of reforming Bulgarian education: the introduction of foreign language teaching from an early age. It is worth noting that teachers and schools contribute actively to the Program both as organizers and as participants in various events. A good example of this was the seminar on the use of contemporary information technologies in education, organized in Varna. Bulgarian teachers gave their fair share in the international conference "Teaching Towards Intercultural Competence" with the presentation of their research works and papers, along with works by leading international experts in education.

The Program cooperates actively with a number of foreign institutions. Together with the French Cultural Institute in Sofia, the Open Society Foundation supported the training of 25 Bulgarian teachers of French in France. The supported teachers specialized in three main areas of foreign language teaching: teaching foreign languages to young learners (6), teaching foreign languages in bilingual high schools (15), and foreign language teaching in universities and curricula development (4).

In 1997 the Program supported two publications: the textbook "English for Medical Students" and the translation into English of a history textbook for the English language schools.

Long-term Specialization Courses Abroad

Malinka Dimitrova Krasteva — 608 925 leva
Teaching Business French
France, Strasbourg

Yovka Bozhilova Chobanova — $ 404
Portuguese Language and Culture
Course for non-resident translators/interpreters
Portugal, Lisbon

Short-term Specialization Courses Abroad

Albena Vidinova Simeonova — $ 377
Models of teaching English to young learners
Denmark, Copenhagen

Alexandrina Dimitrova Dimitrova — $ 500
Italian Language and Civilization
Italy, Sienna

Andrej Emanuilov Iliev — 600 624 leva
Angela Petrova Sabinska — 638 274 leva
Birute Kasimirovna Tokusheva — 638 274 leva
Detelina Nikolova Angelova — 638 274 leva
Ekaterina Atanasova Chobanova — 638 274 leva
Emiliia Ivanova Nikolova — 638 274 leva
Galina Jordanova Hristova — 638 274 leva
Ivanka Nikolaeva Indzheva — 638 274 leva
Lidiia Gancheva Spasova — 638 274 leva
Liliana Aleksandrova Rizova — 610 470 leva
Margarita Dimitrova Vandova — 600 626 leva
Mariana Angelova Semerdzhieva — 638 274 leva
Mima Peneva Petrova — 638 274 leva
Nedie Aslanova Asova — 638 274 leva
Petia Hristova Darveniashka — 638 274 leva
Rajna Todorova Treneva — 638 274 leva
Silvana Georgieva Avramova — 638 274 leva
Silvia Spasova Rajcheva — 638 274 leva
Stoianka Stoianova Radeva — 638 274 leva
Todorka Dimitrova Peneva — 638 274 leva
Totka Ganeva Ianakieva — 638 274 leva
Tsonka Velikova Doneva — 638 274 leva
Veneta Angelova Kamburova — 638 274 leva
French Language Teachers Specialization Course

Antoaneta Nikolova Kitova – Nikolova — 509 575 leva — $ 192
Teaching Business Italian
Italy, Sienna

Boriana Metodieva — 741 300 leva — $ 160
Daniela Ivanova — 741 300 leva — $ 160
Desislava Zareva — 741 300 leva — $ 160
Emiliia Andreeva — 741 300 leva — $ 160
Kiril Dragiev — 741 300 leva — $ 160
Lilia Vladimirova — 741 300 leva — $ 160
Milena Stoianova — 741 300 leva — $ 160
Milena Ilieva — 741 300 leva — $ 160
Pavel Tzenkov — 741 300 leva — $ 160
Rozalina Kovacheva — 741 300 leva — $ 160
Stoian Petrov — 741 300 leva — $ 160
Vesela Todorova — 741 300 leva — $ 160
Intercultural training of student teachers
Joint Project with the British Council in Sofia
Great Britain, Durham

Zhana Asenova Krasteva — 659 130 leva
Teachers' Training Course in French Language for Tourism and Management
Joint Project with the French Cultural Center in Sofia
France, Besancon

Darinka Mincheva Karadzhova — $ 505
Italian language and civilization
Italy

Elena Liudmilova Nedkova — 778 042 leva
Business French Course (Competition "The Golden Word")
France, Paris

Elisaveta Gosheva Jordanova — $ 500
Special English Language Course
USA

Galina Petrova Pashova — $ 336
Methods of teaching French Language
France, Paris

Jeanna Krasteva Toncheva — 558 295 leva
Cultural problems in language "communication"
Belgium

Krasiiana Nedeva Ivanova — 607 334 leva
Lora Jordanova Katerinova — 607 334 leva
Italian language and civilization
Italy, Perugia

Maya Toteva Marinova — 662 311 leva — $ 12
Multimedia and new technologies
France, Marly Le Roa

Nadezhda Georgieva Nikolova — $ 746
Tsvetanka Georgieva Antonova — $ 746
BBC Summer School
Great Britain, London

Svetlana Georgieva Dimitrova — 807 391 leva — $ 22
English Teachers Language Course
Great Britain, Canterbury

Silviia Velikova Nikolakieva — 581 216 leva
Teaching Italian to foreign speakers
Italy, Rome

Veselin Kirilov Vaporadzhiev — 521 085 leva
Preparation of a series of lectures
Germany, Darmstadt

Conferences and Seminars Abroad

Boris Anatolievich Najmushin — 612 420 leva — $ 20
Teaching grammar
Russia, St Petersburg

Galina Todorova Dimitrova — $ 175
International understanding,
Internet and language education
Czech Republic, Brno

Magdalina Vasileva Mitreva — $ 506
Information technologies in FLT
Poland, Katowice

Vania Dimitrova Angelova — 549 120 leva — $ 152
Enhancing the teaching of Science
Great Britain, Liverpool

Seminars and Forums in Bulgaria

Teaching Towards Intercultural Competence — 10 415 060 leva
Joint Project with the British Council,
Ministry of Education and IATEFL
Bulgaria

Second English Language School – Sofia — $ 237
A festival of
English Language Secondary Schools in
Bulgaria
Bulgaria, Sofia

5th Language School "Joan Exarch" – Varna — 865 500 leva
Workshop "New Technologies in
Foreign Language Teaching"
Bulgaria, Varna

Applied Linguistics Department — 580 000 leva
NBU and Institute for Foreign Students
Seminar on Teaching FL to
Young Learners
Bulgaria, Sofia

Romain Rolland Foreign Language High School — 2 823 240 leva
Workshop on working at a Self Access Centre
Bulgaria, Stara Zagora

"A. D. Carnegie" School Council — 1 881 008 leva — $ 560
Seminar on Teaching FL to Young Learners
Bulgaria, Plovdiv

Educational Projects in Bulgaria

Anubis Translation in English of the 8th grade history textbook for the English Language High Schools Bulgaria, Sofia	4 332 666 leva	
English Language High School – Gabrovo Foreign Language High School – Sliven Fifth Foreign Language High School – Varna Second English Language High School – Sofia Self Access Center	1 160 710 leva	
"FATA" Publishing House English for Medical Students – writing and publishing of a set of teaching materials Bulgaria, Sofia		$ 4625
Private Primary ELS Dorris Tennedy Foreign Language Teaching Program to Young Learners Bulgaria, Sofia	5 589 363 leva	$ 768

In 1997 the Roma Program financed NGO projects supporting dialogue in the Roma community and its relations with the state.



Among the cultural projects supported by the Fund last year were several national forums dedicated to Roma culture, and a short film addressing current problems of the Roma population in the big cities.

Roma Program

The main goal of the Roma Program throughout 1997 was to support the integration of the Roma community in modern Bulgarian society, to foster culture and education among its members, and to identify and preserve the traditions and rituals of the Roma minority in Bulgaria.

The Program financed educational projects and projects in the field of culture and NGO development.

In an effort to keep Roma children in school, the Program gave priority to educational projects which support educational institutions that teach Roma children. Many university students of Roma origin also received grants from the Program.

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Among the cultural projects supported by the Fund were the Fifth Festival of Roma Music and Song in Stara Zagora and the short film "Mud," which addresses the current problems of the Roma population in the big cities.

Throughout the year the Program cooperated extensively with the International Center for Minority Studies and Intercultural Relations. Roma projects were also evaluated by the OSF Civil Society Fund and Media Program.



Short-term Specialization Courses Abroad

Liliana Jeliova Kovacheva — 568 850 leva
The Integration of Bulgarian Roma Community in Democratic Society
The Netherlands, Amsterdam

Valia Nacheva Asenova — $ 347
Summer Course in Spanish language
Spain, Madrid

Scholarships for Students in Bulgaria

Emilia Kaloianeva Ianeva — $ 106
TOEFL Test Fee
Vidin, Bulgaria

Evgeni Iliev Evgeniev — $ 55
TOEFL Test Fee
Vidin, Bulgaria

Kremena Goshova Budinova — $ 267
Training in English language by the Braille system
Sofia, Bulgaria

Andrei Iasenov Nunev — 398 000 leva
Tuition fee
Rakitovo, Bulgaria

Angela Andrianova Metodieva — 123 700 leva
University Scholarship
Shoumen, Bulgaria

Antoaneta Milkova Georgieva — 100 000 leva
University Scholarship
Plovdiv, Bulgaria

Vania Borisova Jivilecova — 22 000 leva
University Scholarship
Montana, Bulgaria

Galina Alioshova Chukova — 450 000 leva
University Scholarship
Bulgaria

Georgi Georgiev Bogdanov — 20 000 leva
University Scholarship
Stara Zagora, Bulgaria

Georgi Plamenov Bonchev — $ 100
University Scholarship
Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria

Zaprian Trifonov Hristov — 450 000 leva
University Scholarship
Bulgaria

Zahari Andrianov Metodiev — 109 000 leva
University Scholarship
Bulgaria

Zornitza Mihailova Kamenova — 16 000 leva
University Scholarship
Blageovgrad, Bulgaria

Malina Kochova Ognianova — 150 560 leva
University Scholarship
Bulgaria

Margarita Aleksandrova Mihailova — 52 000 leva
University Scholarship
Sofia, Bulgaria

Maria Traikova Metodieva — 262 500 leva
University Scholarship
Sofia, Bulgaria

Mirolub Ionkov Dimitrov — 170 000 leva
University Scholarship
Shoumen, Bulgaria

Nadia Peeva Nemtzova — 75 000 leva
University Scholarship
Plovdiv, Bulgaria

Nikola Georgiev Ivanov — $ 250
University Scholarship
Bourgas, Bulgaria

Pavlina Vasileva Betovska — 139 680 leva
University Scholarship
Sofia, Bulgaria

Sergi Kirilov Karakashev — 29 000 leva
University Scholarship
Shoumen, Bulgaria

Iavor Andreev Kirilov — 262 500 leva
University Scholarship
Sofia, Bulgaria

Ianush Petrov Chobanov — 262 500 leva
University Scholarship
Sofia, Bulgaria

Ianusha Ignatova Koleva — 254 800 leva
High School Scholarship
Sofia, Bulgaria

Anna Metodieva Dimitrova — $ 100
University Scholarship
Sofia, Bulgaria

Antoaneta Milkova Georgieva — 437 500 leva
University Scholarship
Plovdiv, Bulgaria

Ilcho Sashev Dimitrov — 239 580 leva
University Scholarship
Bulgaria

Orhan Kemrian Tahir — $ 250
University Scholarship
Sofia, Bulgaria

Verka Stoianova Kocheva — $ 1535
English Language Course at the American University in Bulgaria
Blageovgrad, Bulgaria

Elza Marinova Pashalieva — $ 1535
English Language Course at the American University in Bulgaria
Blageovgrad, Bulgaria

Maria Ivanova Ganeva — $ 1535
English Language Course at the American University in Bulgaria
Blageovgrad, Bulgaria

Mariana Hristova Antonova — $ 1535
English Language Course at the American University in Bulgaria
Blageovgrad, Bulgaria

Severin Severinov Manov — $ 1535
English Language Course at the American University in Bulgaria
Blageovgrad, Bulgaria

Sonia Georgieva Mihailova — $ 1535
English Language Course at the American University in Bulgaria
Blageovgrad, Bulgaria

Salza Arturova Uzunova — $ 1535
English Language Course at
the American University in Bulgaria
Blageovgrad, Bulgaria

Participation in Scientific Forums Abroad

Dr. Ivailo Liudmilov Iordanov — 703 476 leva
World Congress of Neuromuscular Diseases
Tunis

Ianka Krumova Takeva — $ 482
Conference
"Tolerance and Mutual Understanding"
Slovenia

Forums in Bulgaria

Bulgarian Sociological Association — 1 739 920 leva
Poverty, Social Inequality and Standards of
Living in Bulgaria
Bulgaria, Sofia

Association "Vereia – Roma" — 2 250 000 leva
National Round-table Discussion
"The problems of Roma in Transition to Democracy"
Bulgaria, Stara Zagora

Cultural Projects

Roma Folklore Research Group — $ 2102
Collection of Roma tales and folkloric songs
from Thrace and translation into Bulgarian
Bulgaria, Rakitovo

Slavka Russinova Petrakieva — 700 000 leva
Support for Ansel Dance Group
Bulgaria, Vidin

Ivailo Prodanov Simidchiev — $ 1143
"Mud" – Short feature film addressing
current problems of the Roma population
in the big cities
Bulgaria, Stara Zagora

Other projects

Dimcho Stankov Dimitrov — $ 2086
Starting a small farm
Bulgaria, Ivanovo

Committee of Roma Women — $ 2800
Donation of clothes to children of
poor families
Bulgaria, Lom

Initiative Committee "Roma for Roma" — 8 112 000 leva
Water for the Roma people
Bulgaria, Lom

Initiative group of Roma people from — $ 2460
Brezovo and Boretz
Support for Roma families who have
received land to start their own small farms
Bulgaria, Brezovo

Market Economy Institute — $ 5000
Microlending for small and medium-size
businesses and marginalized groups
Bulgaria, Sofia

Foundation "Neuroscience and Behavior" — $ 3825
Roma – Life and Health
Bulgaria, Sofia

National Movement of Roma Women — 1 272 100 leva
Training courses for unemployed young people
Bulgaria, Shoumen

Public Institute for Social and Ecological Research — $ 2250
Decontamination of Bukovlak District
Bulgaria, Pleven

70th Secondary School "St. Kliment Ohridski" — 700 000 leva
Extracurricular activities and foreign
language teaching
Bulgaria, Sofia

Secondary School "Sts. Cyril and Methodius" — $ 1000
Support for children of poor families
Bulgaria, Gradinarovo

Secondary School "Hristo Botev" — $ 900
Purchasing of musical instruments and
hi-fi equipment for the school
Bulgaria, Rakitovo

"Iskra" Roma Foundation — $ 800
Support for disadvantaged students
Bulgaria, Shoumen

Association of Roma Women and Children — 3 598 220 leva
Special pedagogic assistance to women with
many children
Bulgaria, Plovdiv

Ecoworld Association – Lovetch — $ 2600
Elimination of exiting refuse depots in Roma
populated areas
Bulgaria, Lovetch

"Hope" Association of Roma Women and Children — $ 1114
School feeding
Bulgaria, Vidin

Stanka Tzonkova Tzonkova-Usha — $ 960
Training Course for Models
Bulgaria, Balchik

"Apel" Foundation — 4 692 600 leva
Support for disadvantaged students
Bulgaria, Glojene

Foundation for Regional Development "Roma" — $ 3502
Summer course for children from Plovdiv,
Rakitovo, Pazardjik, and Dolni Tzibar
Bulgaria, Plovdiv

Cash and Equipment Donations

Democracy Development Institute — $ 4200
Support for schools training predominantly
Roma children
Bulgaria, Sofia

"Blue Sky" Foundation — 837 000 leva
Opening of an Employment Bureau
Bulgaria, Gradinarovo

"Tsebros" Local Development Foundation — 7 437 407 leva
Creation of a Roma Bureau in Kozlodui
Bulgaria, Dolni Tzibar

"Spravedlivost '96" Association — 8 531 055 leva
Creating an office for social work in
the community of Stolipinovo
Bulgaria, Plovdiv

Institutional Support

Association "Edelweiss" — 861 700 leva
Bulgaria, Rakitovo

Youth Roma Club – Stolipinovo — $ 450
Bulgaria, Plovdiv

"Napredak" Roma Foundation — 889 650 leva
Bulgaria, Pazardjik

"Agroprogress" Foundation — 858 504 leva
Bulgaria, Sofia

"Romany Duk" Foundation — 8 203 440 leva
Bulgaria, Pleven

"Roma Bureau" Foundation – Montana — 1 170 000 leva
Bulgaria, Montana



The year 1997 marked the successful start of a number of pilot projects in culture, law and European integration. One of the most significant one of these was a project for the set-up of a National Medical Web-server, containing comprehensive information on hospitals, higher medical institutes, new tendencies in medicine, main risk factors, etc., which the Program hopes to develop and expand throughout 1998.

Internet Program

*In 1997 the Program worked in three main areas: the Regional Internet Program, the National Internet Initiative and the Regional I*EARN Program, integrating Bulgarian secondary schools into the global computer network. The main goal of the Program was to encourage the development of the information society in Bulgaria.*

In addition to supporting the National Academic Network and the university center in the country, in 1997 the foundation also encouraged the participation of non-academic organizations in the World Wide Web. This was made possible with the establishment of the National Internet Initiative, outside the existing Regional Internet Program. Under the initiative more than 100 Bulgarian NGOs gained access to the Internet.

Regional **I*EARN** Program

Throughout 1997, the Regional I*EARN Program supported the access of Bulgarian primary and secondary schools to the International Communications Network of I*EARN Schools, which is part of the Internet. Thus Bulgarian children and teachers were able to join global discussions on interesting humanitarian topics.

The Program supported:

- the participation of teachers and students in international conferences;
- the purchase of equipment; and
- subscriptions to computer magazines and periodicals.

NATIONAL INTERNET INITIATIVE

Participation in Forums Abroad

Dimitar Tzenev Dimitrov Computer Presentation of Meteorological Images and Data by Internet Romania, Ilieni		$ 290

Cash and Equipment Donations

"Zaharij Krusha" Primary School Internet access Bulgaria, Sofia	4 275 668 leva	
United Nations Development Program Internet Access and NGO Training in Bulgaria Bulgaria		$ 30 000
"Vitosha" Agency Internet Access Bulgaria, Sofia	668 572 leva	$ 1285
Agency for Bulgarians Abroad Information Highway Bulgaria, Sofia	376 303 leva	$ 1050
Alexander Hospital, Clinic for Sexually Transmitted Diseases and Infections Internet Program for Sexual Education and Prophylaxis of Sexually Transmitted Diseases Bulgaria, Sofia	2 173 059 leva	
"Access" Association Internet Access Bulgaria, Sofia	567 950 leva	$ 1285
Association of Translators General Information and Communications system Bulgaria, Sofia	4 320 900 leva	
Bulgarian Academy of Sciences Central Ecological Laboratory – Library Two-way Exchange of Ecological Information Bulgaria, Sofia	6 423 460 leva	
Bulgarian section of the Society of Sound Engineers Internet connection Bulgaria, Sofia	863 760 leva	
Bulgarian section of the European Teachers Association Internet in classrooms Bulgaria, Sofia	451 644 leva	$ 2350
Bulgarian Legal Development Institute Internet Access Bulgaria, Sofia	3 158 584 leva	$ 3212
Wirtshaftsblat LTD Internet connection Bulgaria, Sofia	567 700 leva	$ 1050
Civil Society Civic Association - Internet Demonstration Center Bulgaria, Vratsa		$ 3335
House of Cinema Internet connection Bulgaria, Sofia	845 297 leva	
Citizen Association – Montana Information Center Bulgaria, Montana	4 188 390 leva	$ 250
Union of Mathematicians in Bulgaria Pilot project for the establishing of an Internet center for processing ancient manuscripts in Bulgaria Bulgaria, Sofia	882 400 leva	
Alexander Hospital Allergology Center Hardware support for Internet access Bulgaria, Sofia		$ 850
St. Naum University Hospital Clinic of Psychiatry Internet Access Bulgaria, Sofia	1 458 208 leva	$ 2100
European Innovation Center Internet Access Bulgaria, Sofia	482 360 leva	$ 4670
Institute for Regional and International Research Internet Access Bulgaria, Sofia	725 795 leva	
Institute for Contemporary Arts Contemporary Arts Information Network Bulgaria, Sofia	443 000 leva	$ 1050
Information and Documentation Center of the Council of Europe Internet Access Bulgaria, Sofia	482 360 leva	$ 4670
Open Society Club – Gabrovo Building Internet information database Bulgaria, Gabrovo		$ 1000
Bookworld Ltd. Virtual Bookworld Bulgaria, Sofia	744 425 leva	$ 2335
Literary Forum Electronic version of Literary Forum Bulgaria, Sofia		$ 1300
Medical College – Plovdiv Computer training for disabled students Bulgaria, Plovdiv	1 594 223 leva	
International Eye Foundation Technical equipment for the library Bulgaria, Sofia	1 684 914 leva	

UNESCO National Research Club International Youth Information and Publishing Center for programs and projects in the field of science and culture Bulgaria, Sofia	2 231 710 leva	
National Oncology Center Information Center Bulgaria, Sofia	3 938 490 leva	$ 2000
National Center for Cardiovascular Diseases Building local computer network and Internet connectivity Bulgaria, Sofia	2 897 262 leva	
National Cardiology Center Clinic of Cardiology Information center for diagnostics, treatment and prophylaxis of socially significant cardiac diseases Bulgaria, Sofia	1 238 978 leva	
National Gymnasium for Ancient Languages and Cultures Information support Bulgaria, Sofia	567 950 leva	$ 1285
New Bulgarian University Educational and Business Center for Internet Access Bulgaria, Sofia		$ 18 933
Open Market Ltd. Establishing and administration of a Regional Bulgarian Internet Network Bulgaria	8 633 078 leva	
Bulgarian Spirit Association Internet Access Bulgaria, Sofia	1 895 450 leva	
Sofia Stock Exchange Internet workstation Bulgaria, Sofia	1 200 179 leva	$ 1050
Student Society for Computer Arts National Students Internet Center Bulgaria, Sofia	3 656 462 leva	$ 3400
Union of Grain Producers in Bulgaria Internet Access Bulgaria, Sofia	1 564 466 leva	$ 3150
Union of Bulgarian Scientists Internet Access Bulgaria, Sofia	443 000 leva	$ 1050
Democracy and Security Foundation Internet Access Bulgaria, Sofia	2 215 150 leva	
Foundation for Nature-friendly and Economic Use of Energy Information Center and Internet access for publications and projects in the field of ecology and energy saving Bulgaria, Sofia	5 346 806 leva	
"Dawn" Foundation Creation of business oriented databases Bulgaria, Sofia		$ 4040
Youth Forum Foundation Internet access Bulgaria, Varna		$ 2500
Applied Research and Communications Foundation Establishing of a Network Management Center Bulgaria, Sofia		$ 4600
XXL Ltd. Presentation of XXL Gallery on the Internet Bulgaria, Sofia	59 785 leva	$ 1900
Market Economy Center Internet access Bulgaria, Sofia	1 138 400 leva	$ 2335
Constantine Preslavski University of Shoumen Internet Access Bulgaria, Shoumen	3 656 462 leva	
Southwestern University – Blagoevgrad Information database development Bulgaria, Blagoevgrad	859 000 leva	$ 1285

Forums in Bulgaria

Unicom-B Network Information Processing Systems Bulgaria, Sofia		$ 2500

REGIONAL INTERNET PROGRAM

American college Upgrade of information equipment, Internet connectivity Bulgaria, Sofia		$ 1200
Fillip Velimirov Babalievski Scientific publishing via E-mail Bulgaria, Sofia		$ 895
Technical University – Gabrovo Information support Bulgaria, Gabrovo	1 324 450 leva	
MedWeb Project Web-site creation Bulgaria, Sofia	8 705 920 leva	
"Interights" Legal Magazine Bulgaria, Sofia	1 918 206 leva	
University of Shoumen E-mail Bulgaria, Shoumen	372 663 leva	
Thracian University – Stara Zagora Information support Bulgaria, Shoumen	2 457 842 leva	

Higher Military Institute – Shoumen Internet connectivity Bulgaria, Shoumen	1 595 082 leva	
"Proxy server" Project Bulgaria, Sofia	1 142 400 leva	
Dial-up Center for Healthcare Bulgaria, Sofia		$ 350
Sts. Cyril and Methodius University of Veliko Turnovo Information support Bulgaria, Veliko Turnovo	2 208 200 leva	
Internet Training Centers Network Information support Bulgaria, Sofia	137 970 leva	
Bourgas Free University Information Support Bulgaria, Bourgas	1 133 773 leva	

I*EARN REGIONAL PROGRAM

Bourgas Free University Building up of a dial-up center for schools in Bourgas Bulgaria, Bourgas	2 167 769 leva	

Program Initiatives

MINESWEEPER Competition Bulgaria. Sofia	330 000 leva	
Participation in the Annual I*EARN Conference		
Rumyana Mincheva Karaivanova	873 551 leva	$ 175
Martin Valkanov Valkanov	873 551 leva	$ 175
Iordanka Kirilova Nenova	873 551 leva	$ 175
Ivailo Liubomirov Iossifov	873 551 leva	$ 175
Sylvia Gerassimova Kancheva	873 551 leva	$ 175
Fillip Ivanov Grigorov	873 551 leva	$ 175
Violeta Krumova Tzoneva Spain, Barcelona	873 551 leva	$ 175
Participation in the Regional I*EARN Conference		
Margarita Vassileva Yanakieva	239 200 leva	$ 75
Denitza Lubomirova Vlaeva	239 200 leva	$ 75
Dobrinka Radeva	239 200 leva	$ 75
Georgi Alexandrov Alexandrov	239 200 leva	$ 75
Lilia Vasileva Kakaradova	239 200 leva	$ 75
Nikolai Goranov Hungary, Budapest	239 200 leva	$ 75
Subscription of 71 schools for computer periodicals	217 995 leva	

Donation of modems

"Indira Gandhi" School Bulgaria, Sofia	398 900 leva
"Ivan Vazov" Language School Bulgaria, Plovdiv	347 923 leva
High School of Mathematics Bulgaria, Bourgas	416 251 leva
"Academic Ivan Giuselev" High School of Mathematics Bulgaria, Gabrovo	347 923 leva
First English Language School Bulgaria, Sofia	347 923 leva
Regional Inspectorate Bulgaria, Bourgas	347 923 leva
"Hristo Botev" Technical School Bulgaria, Sofia	416 251 leva
Technical School of Electronics Bulgaria, Sofia	416 251 leva
Technical School of Electronics Bulgaria, Gabrovo	347 923 leva
Technical School of Mechanical Engineering Bulgaria, Plovdiv	398 900 leva
Technical School of Agriculture and Economics Bulgaria, Svilengrad	347 923 leva
Technical School of Telecommunications Bulgaria, Sofia	347 923 leva
Sts. Cyril and Methodius School Bulgaria, Bourgas	398 900 leva
National Gymnasium for Italian Language and Culture Bulgaria, Sofia	347 923 leva
151st school Bulgaria, Sofia	347 923 leva

The East-East Program financed the participation of NGO representatives from Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Moldova, Romania, Russia, Slovakia and Ukraine in the Fifth Regional Central and Eastern European Fundraising Conference, organized by the Union of Bulgarian Foundations and Associations.



The long-term Bulgarian-Serbian project for the creation of a Serbian-Bulgarian Thematic Dictionary of Homonyms was completed in 1997. The next stage of the bilateral project "Cultural Relations between Northeastern and Southeastern Europe in the Middle Ages: Cyrillic Monuments in the Lithuanian Kingdom" was also brought into fruition.

In cooperation with the Transeuropeenes Association of Paris, the New Bulgaria University organized a two-week Summer University on the theme "Neighbors and Future in Southeastern Europe" for students from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Macedonia, Romania, Turkey and Yugoslavia.

Regional **East-East** Program

In 1997, the East-East Program cooperated with the Soros Foundations Network and with other Central and Eastern European NGOs in projects carried out both in Bulgaria and throughout the region.

More than a hundred Bulgarian specialists in different fields of knowledge took part in expert meetings, conferences and seminars organized by the East-East Network in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe.

An international research group of social psychologists from Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Poland and Hungary completed in Sofia the final stage of the project "Changes in the Social Perceptions of Democracy."

Bulgarian and Romanian intellectuals and journalists were brought together by the Open Society Club – Rousse for a discussion on "Bulgarian and Romanian Cultural Dimensions Before and After the Change."

The belief that writers are the spiritual leaders of any nation and can convey messages of friendship and mutual understanding, inspired the Art Without Limits Foundation, the 13 Centuries Bulgaria Foundation and other organizations to invite to Gabrovo writers from Albania, Bulgaria, Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia and other Balkan countries, to the Balkan Decameron Meeting.

The Bulgarian Committee of the Helsinki Citizens' Assembly brought together representatives from Russia, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Ukraine, the Czech Republic, Macedonia, Croatia, Slovenia, Slovakia, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria, for a discussion on the "Civic Responses to the Security Dilemma of Eastern Europe after the Cold War."

The Center for the Study of Democracy organized an international conference on NGO involvement in reforming the legal framework of NGO tax issues, which was attended by NGO representatives and taxation experts from Poland, Latvia, Russia, Belarus, Croatia, Estonia, Ukraine and Bulgaria.

Short-term Specialization Courses Abroad

Zhorzheta Petrova Cholakova	$ 233	
Short-term Research Exchange for Central and Eastern European Scholars in Bohemian Studies		
Prague, Czech Republic		
Diana Rumiancheva Petkova		
Irina Dimitrova Chongarova		
Kosyo Petkov Mechkov		
Milko Hristov Ihterov		
Nikolay Todorov Kalmadansky		
Radka Dimitrova Angelova		
Radostina Stoyanova Stoyanova		
Temenuzhka Danailova Targovska		
Yana Atanasova Buchkova		
The Language of Change:		
Exchange Visit in St. Petersburg for Students from Bulgaria	$ 3962	
St. Petersburg, Russia		

Participation in Congresses and Seminars Abroad

Adib Rashid Kasab	$ 72	
1997 Savaria International Summer University		
Budapest, Hungary		
Albena Kostadinova Yaneva	$ 40	987 830 leva
Bilyana Decheva Decheva	$ 40	987 830 leva
Danail Bogdanov Glishev	$ 40	987 830 leva
Nada Emilova Tosheva	$ 40	984 976 leva
International Workshop: The Identity		
Ljubljana, Slovenia		
Alexander Dinov Kyossev	$ 484	
Dimitar Kostadinov Kamburov	$ 484	
New Paradigms – New Institutions		
Ljubljana, Slovenia		
Alexander Iliev Jossifov	$ 150	528 129 leva
Angelo Emilov Malikov	$ 150	528 129 leva
Ahmed Ahmed Mehmed	$ 150	528 129 leva
Evgeniy Todorov Todorov	$ 150	528 129 leva
Ilko Assenov Vakarelov	$ 150	528 129 leva
Program for the Improvement of Inter-Ethnic Relations		
Tallinn, Estonia		
Alexander Kolchev		
Ivan Dochev		
Istilian Simeonov		
Kamen Genov		
Menda Stoyanova		
Milena Angelova		
Snezhana Dobreva		
Valery Borissov		
Structural Reform of Economy in Post-Socialist Countries:		
Visit of Bulgarian Economists to Poland	$ 1592	2 006 460 leva
Warsaw, Poland		
Angel Georgiev Angelov	$ 82	
Darina Doncheva Doncheva	$ 82	
Yordan Simeonov Eftimov	$ 82	
Processes of Cultural Identification in Central, Eastern and Southeast Europe		
Struga, Macedonia		
Antonia Ivanova Dimitrova	$ 70	
Desislava Markova Lozanova	$ 70	
Irina Todorova Tomova	$ 61	
Mariana Liubchova Yordanova	$ 54	
Vassil Georgiev Angelov	$ 70	
Yavor Ivanov Yanakiev	$ 70	
Summer School for Czech and Bulgarian Students:		
Cultural and Social Anthropology		
Prague, Czech Republic		
Atanas Tomov Zgurov	$ 278	
Stoyan Vladimirov Beshkov	$ 278	
Central and Eastern Europe Biodiversity Initiative		
Tirana, Albania		
Chavdar Ivanov Selveliev		537 768 leva
Strengthening Civil Society in Eastern Europe		
Chisinau, Moldova		
Galia Metodieva Petrova	$ 20	100 000 leva
Evgenia Prokopieva Kiranova		62 883 leva
Nadia Bozhidarova Kozhuharova	$ 20	100 000 leva
Stanimira Rangelova Hadzhimitova	$ 20	100 000 leva
East European Network against Male Violence against Women		
Belgrade, Yugoslavia		
Georgi Gospodinov Georgiev	$ 50	74 032 leva
Transition and the New Faces of Literature		
Novi Sad, Yugoslavia		
Georgi Nenov Kanin	$ 250	446 520 leva
Medical and Social Aspects of the Rehabilitation of Children with Organic Nervous System Disorders		
Donetsk, Ukraine		
Georgi Apostolov		
Georgi Popov		
Georgi Sharabov		
Goran Blagoev		
Dimitar Iliev		
Emilian Dinov		
Sava Dinev		
Stoyne Stoynev		
Tony Nikolov		
Vladimir Tanev		
Zoya Andonova		
The Position of the Bulgarian National Minority in Serbia and Problem Coverage in Serbian, Bulgarian and Minority Media		222 050 leva
Dimitrovgrad, Yugoslavia		
Dimitar Georgiev Zashev	$ 140	
Margarita Yordanova Kostadinova	$ 70	
Valentin Dimitrov Trayanov	$ 50	340 080 leva
The Phenomenon as a Philosophical Problem		
Prague, Czech Republic		
Dobrinka Nestorova Kostova	$ 185	
Changing Elites and Changing Rules of the Game		
Budapest, Hungary		
Dragomir Ivanov Padeshky	$ 432	
Milena Dragoteva Anachkova	$ 431	
Personality and Changes: Role of Psychologists in Diagnosis of Socio-Political Processes		
Riga, Latvia		
Ekaterina Stefanova Dimova	$ 165	654 675 leva
Management of Organizations for Elderly People		
Kaunas, Lithuania		
Emilia Ilieva Edinakova	$ 541	
Maya Nisimova Konfino-Vidas	$ 458	
Mourning and Bereavement in Children and Adolescents		
Poznan, Poland		
Iliyana Georgieva Puhaleva	$ 108	
Lviv Session of the International School of Humanities		
Lviv, Ukraine		
Iskra Hristova Dandolova	$ 323	
Satisfactory Housing and Housing Satisfaction		
Tallinn, Estonia		

Katyusha Angelova Pavlova Interface: Celebration of Diversity Banska Bistritsa, Slovakia	$ 160	
Lidia Borissova Mileva The Third Sector: Boundaries of Independence St. Petersburg, Russia	$ 30	
Lora Boyanova Nikolova	$ 95	166 920 leva
Petar Krastev Radev	$ 89	166 920 leva
Rayna Stefanova Vassileva	$ 94	166 920 leva
Valentina Danchova Katsarova-Tasheva Perspectives of Sustainable Way of Living in Central and Eastern Europe Prague, Czech Republic	$ 67	166 689 leva
Lyubomir Nikolov Dimov The Role of Further Education of Local Government Personnel in the Democratization of Societies in CEE Riga, Latvia	$ 320	385 320 leva
Lyudmila Todorova Atanassova Orpheus Civil Society Project: Twinning Project Vilnius, Lithuania	$ 50	871 270 leva
Lyudmila Tsankova Ivanova Traces of German Culture in Eastern Europe Brashov, Romania		46 173 leva
Marina Kostadinova Kostova 1997 Summer School: Population Development and its Analysis Prague, Czech Republic	$ 60	
Miladin Aleksandrov Apostolov		986 580 leva
Penka Ivanova Ivanova History of Medicine and Healthcare Culture in Medical Education Zagreb, Croatia		986 580 leva
Mina Hristova Shoylekova	$ 20	101 638 leva
Yana Nikolova Georgieva Students' Meeting: Southeastern European Countries (SECI) and Perspectives of Regional Integration Belgrade, Yugoslavia	$ 20	101 638 leva
Nikolay Dimitrov Ovcharov	$ 120	381 900 leva
Valeria Nikolova Fol Sacred Rupestrian Architecture in Southeastern Europe Chisineu, Moldova	$ 120	381 900 leva
Pavlina Kirilova Filipova Participation of Women in Economic Transition Kharkiv, Ukraine	$ 100	1 222 288 leva
Plamen Mateev Makariev Building Democratic Societies: Values and Rights Lviv, Ukraine	$ 20	217 727 leva
Sylvia Sasheva Zlatanova Practical School on Field Ecology Crimea, Ukraine	$ 160	
Todor Kirilov Gradev Competitiveness of Countries in Transition during Economic Depression and Recovery Ljubljana, Slovenia	$ 487	
Vania Georgieva Zegova Urban Policies Reform in Countries in Transition Belgrade, Yugoslavia	$ 113	91 856 leva
Vaska Slavcheva Stancheva Human Rights for Persons with Mental Disabilities Prague, Czech Republic	$ 215	
Vera Angelova Tagarinska CIVICUS Second World Assembly: Citizen Participation and Globalization Budapest, Hungary	$ 30	678 676 leva

Bilateral Projects

Elena Krumova Arnaudova-Kotzeva	$ 50	664 110 leva
Tatyana Vassileva Mostrova Bulgarian and Lithuanian Research of Cyrillic Manuscripts Vilnius, Lithuania	$ 550	664 110 leva
Tsenka Ivanova Ivanova Serbian-Bulgarian Thematic Dictionary of Homonyms Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria	$ 520	

Projects in Bulgaria

Cyrillo-Methodian Center Bulgarian Academy of Sciences Bulgarian and Lithuanian Research Study of Cyrillic Manuscripts Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 820
Institute of History Bulgarian Academy of Sciences Seminar: Bulgaria in the Sphere of the Soviet Interests Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 2540
Open Society Club – Rousse Workshop: Bulgarian and Romanian Cultural Dimensions Before and After the Change Rousse, Bulgaria	$ 2000
International Research Team of Social Psychologists Workshop: Trends in the Change of the Social Receptions of Democracy Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 1684
International Sociolinguistics Society Conference: Language and Contemporary Reality Shoumen, Bulgaria	$ 2000
New Bulgarian University Neighbors and Future in Southeastern Europe Summer School for Students from Balkan Countries Plovdiv, Bulgaria	$ 25 813
Union of Bulgarian Foundations 5th Regional Central and Eastern European Fundraising Training Conference Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 10 652
Art without Limits Foundation Meeting: Balkan Decameron: Writers and their Messages for Tolerance and Understanding Gabrovo, Bulgaria	$ 3000
Helsinki Citizens Assembly – Bulgaria Conference: Civic Responses to the Security Dilemma of Eastern Europe Varna, Bulgaria	$ 10 055
Center for the Study of Democracy Conference: NGO Involvement in Reforming the Legal Framework of NGO Tax Issues Varna, Bulgaria	$ 6000

Publishing Expenses

"Access" Association Balkan Transition: Do Common Problems Have Common Solutions Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 1500
Institute of History Bulgarian Academy of Sciences Bulgaria in the Sphere of the Soviet Interests Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 1000

Visiting Foreign Experts

Visit to Bulgaria of Representatives of NGO Resource Centers in Ukraine	$150	440 473 leva

The Program concentrated its efforts on developing cooperation with leading global media institutions: the BBC World Service, Deutsche Welle and others.



The Program supported a number of projects related to bringing of Bulgarian media legislation into line with European standards and explored ways to guarantee adequate legal defense for Bulgarian journalists in cases of infringement of their freedom of speech.

Media Program

Throughout the year the Program shifted its emphasis from supporting independent newspapers, radio stations and journalists to fostering the introduction of new media legislation corresponding to European standards and encouraging active professional associations in order to guarantee freedom of speech and of the press.

The Program developed its contacts with existing NGOs which contribute to the development of the free press. Cooperation with other media organizations in Bulgaria resulted in the establishment of the Association of Bulgarian Newspapers and Magazines. Thanks to the support of the Program, the Association of Bulgarian Broadcasters (ABBRO) was able to evolve and achieve stability. A number of central, regional and specialized newspapers received financing from the Program. Many local radio stations were able to upgrade their equipment.

The Media Program supported a series of radio talk shows encouraging the social and cultural integration of the Roma community in Bulgaria.

Bulgarian journalists were given the opportunity to participate in summer schools, seminars and meetings, where they established useful professional contacts. The Program sent participants to the Annual Media Coordinators Meeting in Vilnius, Lithuania. Members of the Program team visited different media centers in Romania, Yugoslavia and the Baltic States.

The Program continued to support the language qualification of Bulgarian journalists. More than 50 journalists passed the first and second levels of the English language course organized at the BBC Centre – Sofia, in cooperation with the Free Speech Civic Forum. The Program provided funds for two six-month internships for young Bulgarian journalists at the BBC Bulgarian Section – London. The collaboration with the British newspaper War Report Magazine developed and produced excellent results.

The Program granted financial assistance to a number of seminars for journalists organized in cooperation with the American University in Bulgaria. Together with the United States Information Agency, the Program supported the training of Bulgarian journalists at leading U.S. media centers.

The Program offered assistance to the OMRI in Prague and cooperated with the Regional Media Program of the Open Society Institute – Budapest, the European Media Institute in Dusseldorf and the media programs of the Soros Foundations.

Long-term Internships Abroad

BBC Two internships for promising Bulgarian journalists at the BBC, World Service London, England	$ 13 900	
Albena Gueorguieva Kostova European Journalism Academy – Vienna Vienna, Austria	$ 2500	

Participation in Congresses and Seminars Abroad

Zornitsa Lyubomirova Zenkova Journalists in Europe-International Seminar Paris, France		762 010 leva
Iliana Velikova Staneva New technologies in electronic media London and Cardiff, Great Britain	$ 450	
Irina Konstantinova Ilieva International Seminar on Media and Economics Vienna, Austria	$ 135	
Krassimira Emilova Olah Media Coverage of Election Campaigns – International seminar Bratislava, Trnava, Budapest	$ 300	545 484 leva
Alexander Andreev Andreev Corruption in Bulgaria: The Triangle: Government, Secret Services, Mafia Seminar in London London, England	$ 200	
Atanas Gochev Gochev The Role of the NGOs for the Development of Democracy and Civil Society International seminar Pittsburgh, USA	$ 300	1 328 519 leva
Atanas Tsanev Kamov The Role of the Media in the Unification of Europe International Seminar Klingentaal, France	$ 52	
Dimitar Mihajlov Hristov Prix Denube'97-Participation in an International Festival for TV Programs Bratislava, Slovak Republic	$ 580	488 773 leva
Elena Vassileva Fournadjieva The Future of the Independent Media International Seminar Bratislava, Slovak Republic		715 500 leva
Emil Yanakiev Kapoudaliev Participation in International Conference Lisbon, Portugal	$ 606	
Bourya Toushek Press Coverage of the Visit of the Bulgarian Minister of Foreign Affairs in Central Asia Asia	$ 1000	
Eugenia Atanassova Atanassova Media coverage of the Eltsin-Clinton Summit in Helsinki Helsinki, Finland	$ 1500	
Ivan Stefanov Garelov Media Preparation of the Visit of the Bulgarian President in Greece and interviews with the President of Greece and Cabinet Ministers Athens, Greece	$ 1110	1 150 228 leva
Jordanka Dimitrova Popova The Influence of Women in Electronic Media International Conference Harare, Zimbabwe	$ 300	
Kliment Christov Trenkov "Bridges for Education"- Third International Conference Warsaw, Poland	$ 110	392 710 leva
Lilia Stefanova Goleminova Participation in the Kosice International TV Festival Kosice, Slovak Republic		624 710 leva
Peter Stefanov Karaboev Future of the Media International Seminar Bratislava, Slovak Republic		715 500 leva
Pravda Gueorguieva Ignatova Health Issues Journalism International seminar Kiev, Ukraine	$ 309	
Svetlana Kirilova Bozhilova-Radoulova Legal Aspects of Media International Seminar Lisbon, Portugal		1 088 800 leva
Hrissimir Jordanov Danev Media and Politics Cologne, Germany	$ 1702	1 717 400 leva
Tsonya Sabtcheva World Economic Forum Davos, Switzerland	$ 990	513 425 leva
Eliezer David Alfandari International Media Forum Warsaw, Poland	$ 200	

Subscription and Membership Fees

Podkrepa Union of Bulgarian Journalists Membership fee Brussels, Belgium	$ 3100	
Bulgarian National Radio Sociological research and software subscription Sofia, Bulgaria		7 899 840 leva

Seminars and Conferences in Bulgaria

Union of Bulgarian Foundations State, Freedom of Speech and Civil Society International Conference Sofia, Bulgaria		631 482 leva
Association of Bulgarian Newspapers and Magazines – ABC National Conference of Print Media Publishers and Distributors Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 1000	
Association of Private Bulgarian Broadcasters ABBRO Annual conference and office rent Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 4120	
Agency for Investment Information International Conference Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 3330	

Cash and Equipment Donations

Classic FM Radio Institutional Support Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 4400	
Glarus Radio Institutional Support Bourgas, Bulgaria	$ 10 000	
E-79 Shareholders Company Setting Up of a Radio Station Dupnitsa, Bulgaria		44 569 300 leva

DARIK Radio — $ 2000
Broadcast Renovation
Sofia, Bulgaria

Tempo Radio — $ 1200
Creation of Data Base
Rousse, Bulgaria

Press Center of the Ministry of the Domestic Affairs — 2 679 790 leva
Computerizing the PR Activity of the Press Center
Sofia, Bulgaria

BRTV Ltd. — 8 884 000 leva
Using a Cable TV Network for the Promotion of the Ideas of Civil Society
Belogradchik, Bulgaria

Glarus Ltd. — $ 9000
Upgrade of Broadcasting Studio
Bourgas, Bulgaria

Democratic Review Magazine — $ 10 000
Institutional Support
Sofia, Bulgaria

Syndicate of the Teachers in Bulgaria — $ 800
Institutional Support for
Uchitelsko Delo Newspaper
Sofia, Bulgaria

Mira Stefanova Popova — $ 250
Institutional support for a broadcast for disabled people
Sofia, Bulgaria

Publishing Expenses

Starozagorski Novini — $ 9000
Publishing of a regional newspaper
Stara Zagora, Bulgaria

PR Ltd. — $ 1000
Public Relations and Marketing Review
Bulgaria, Bulgaria

Bulpress Ltd. — 8 979 000 leva
Supporting Novini Newspaper
Sofia, Bulgaria

Technical University – Sofia — $ 350
Publishing of
"New Technological Avant-guard" Newspaper
Sofia, Bulgaria

Romano Ilo Newspaper — 8 824 000 leva
Institutional Support for a Roma Newspaper
Sofia, Bulgaria

Project Expenses

Free Speech Civic Forum — $ 11 330
English Language Courses for Journalists
Sofia, Bulgaria

Research group from Channel KOM-Sliven Co. Ltd. — $ 394
The Street as a Mediator Between Society and State
Sliven, Bulgaria

Albena Todorova Alexieva — $ 200 — 3 695 400 leva
Night Mirrors – 25 Programs based at Radio Express
Sofia, Bulgaria

Association of the Bulgarian Newspapers — $ 790 — 8 033 522 leva
Setting up of a network of central and regional newspapers
Sofia, Bulgaria

American University in Bulgaria — $ 4500
Political and Economic Pressure on Mass Media
International Students Conference
Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria

Varna Press Ltd. — $ 10 000 — 24 000 000 leva
Support, development and stabilization of a regional newspaper
Varna, Bulgaria

Political Cabaret "Balgaran" – George Gulov — $ 5000
Rome Folklore Culture in Bulgaria
Sofia, Bulgaria

Rousse Civic Society — $ 4760
Integration of the Roma Community from the Region of Rousse to the Values of the Civil Society
Rousse, Bulgaria

St Kliment Ohridski University of Sofia — $ 980
Modern American and British Mass Media
Sofia, Bulgaria

Alma Mater Academic Radio — $ 900
Preparation and launch of a 5-hours weekly radio broadcast
Sofia, Bulgaria

Parnas House Films-Vladimir Trifonov — $ 1220
Documentary feature research focused on the tolerance and cooperation between different cultural groups
Sofia, Bulgaria

Ekohorizonti Foundation, Silistra — $ 4679
Mass Media as a Means to Introduce the Roma Community to the Values of Civil Society
Silistra, Bulgaria

Journalists for Tolerance Foundation — $ 5000
Radio program about the problems of the Roma population from the district of Stolipinovo
Plovdiv, Bulgaria

ANTI Newspaper — $ 1000
Balkan Forum
Sofia, Bulgaria

Free Speech Civic Forum — $ 2000
Drafting a Media Law
Sofia, Bulgaria

Civic Parliament Foundation — $ 3000
Basics of the National Consensus on Mass Media Law
Sofia, Bulgaria

World Renaissance Foundation — $ 9921
Public Information Team
Sofia, Bulgaria

Research Group headed by George Lozanov — 2 482 060 leva
Media and Myths
Sofia, Bulgaria

Research Group headed by Daniela Pavlova — 9 964 000 leva
Media Images of Ethnic Problems and Feelings during the Transition:
Challenges Faced by the Muslims in Bulgaria
Sofia, Bulgaria

Human Rights Projects — $ 5000
The Voice of the Roma – A Series of Radio Broadcasts
Sofia, Bulgaria

Express Radio — 8 651 500 leva
Radio Programs on the Problems of the Roma Population and Their Social Integration
Sofia, Bulgaria

Varna Print Ltd. — 11 657 825 leva
Information Exchange, Communications and Terminal Connection between Sofia and Varna
Varna, Bulgaria

Media Research Group — $ 1520
Social and Educational Problems of Minority Groups from the Region of Vratsa and their Coverage in the Local Media
Vratsa, Bulgaria

Videlina Cultural Programs — $ 7700
7 Days TV
Sofia, Bulgaria



The Program carried out projects supporting the socialization of disabled people and provided pre-printing equipment for publications issued by the Union of the Blind in Bulgaria and the Union of Deaf and Disabled People in Bulgaria.

The Open Society Foundation – Sofia financed the fifth Bulgarian Antarctic expedition to Livingston Island, since the state is currently unable to support this national program.

Open Program

The versatility in the work of the Program is best demonstrated by the projects supported in 1997: support was provided for the preservation of Bulgarian historical and cultural heritage, the integration of disabled people into public life, and the solving of ecological problems.

In 1997, the support of the Program made it possible for many useful ideas to be brought into fruition in small towns and villages, where NGOs seldom reach. The Ethnographic Complex in the village of Tarnichene, Stara Zagora Region, was completed. The Program provided funds to the Maritsa-Iztok Archaeological Museum, for the conservation of the pottery furnace in the medieval fortress near the village of Iskritsa. The National Museum of Literature in Sofia received funds for the museum dedicated to the famous Bulgarian writer Elin Pelin, in his native village of Bailovo. The Petropavlovsky Folklore Festival in the village of Lyaskovets was also financed by the Program.

Due importance was also given to projects reviving long-forgotten historical and cultural traditions. The two volumes of the book "Bulgarian Sacred Places in Istanbul," issued by the Bulgarian Exarchate Foundation, will be published in 1998, thanks to the support of the Open Society Foundation – Sofia. The Program continued to support language courses for teachers and students of Bulgarian origin from Ukraine, Moldova and Romania.

The Open Program and the Open Society Club – Smolyan provided funds for the reconstruction of the pedestrian bridge in the center of Zlatograd.

Grants for Handicapped Students

Daniela Nikolova Dimitrova Education in St. Kliment Ohridski University Sofia, Bulgaria		120 000 leva
Eli Ivanova Kirilova Education in the National and World Economy University Sofia, Bulgaria		120 000 leva
Ivan Dimitrov Yanev Education in St. Kliment Ohridski University Sofia, Bulgaria		120 000 leva
Kristina Stefanova Atanasova Education in the National and World Economy University Sofia, Bulgaria		120 000 leva
Maria Rangelova Popova Education in St. Kliment Ohridski University Sofia, Bulgaria		120 000 leva
Mitko Georgiev Angelov Education in the National and World Economy University Sofia, Bulgaria		120 000 leva
Orhan Hikmet Mumun Education in the National and World Economy University Sofia, Bulgaria		120 000 leva
Penka Stamenova Hristova Education in the National and World Economy University Sofia, Bulgaria		120 000 leva
Radka Zdravkova Angelova Education in St. Kliment Ohridski University Sofia, Bulgaria		120 000 leva
Rayna Georgieva Sokolova Education in the National and World Economy University Sofia, Bulgaria		120 000 leva
Rumiana Ilieva Yaneva Education in the National and World Economy University Sofia, Bulgaria		120 000 leva
Spasena Stankova Zaharieva Education in the National and World Economy University Sofia, Bulgaria		120 000 leva
Husein Halil Ismail Education in the National and World Economy University Sofia, Bulgaria		120 000 leva

Participation in Congresses and Seminars Abroad

Boriana Stefanova Mateeva Participation in the Anesi Festival, France Anesi, France		794 420 leva
Bulgarian Association for Neuro-muscular Diseases Participation in the Dublin International Youth Festival Dublin, Ireland	$ 920	
Zornitza Atanasova Bulgurova Mosaics Restoration France	$ 946	
Ivanka Slavova Koleva Participation in an international marathon Lebanon	$ 150	
Maria Zlateva Doycheva Conference on the problems of pollution and waste materials Atlanta, USA		1 474 285 leva
Milena Asenova Benovska – Subkova Ethnology of transition Freiburg, Switzerland	$ 90	603 064 leva
Nadezhda Tzoneva Tzoneva Presentations of leading experts and internships in Ecology Catania, Italy	$ 161	745 800 leva
Neli Krusteva Chaneva – Dechevska Participation in a round-table discussion – Urbanization processes in the Balkans during the Late Middle Ages Thessaloniki, Greece	$ 340	
Petar Dobrev Dobrev Participation in a seminar on Bulgarian historic and cultural heritage London, England	$ 60	619 632 leva
Petar Slavkov Staykov Participation in the discussions of the Rehabilitation and Professional Education Commission of the European Union of the Blind People Warsaw, Poland		759 880 leva
Petya Alexandrova Alexandrova Participation in the Berlin International Festival Berlin, Germany		807 000 leva
Perlovets Sport Society for Disabled People Participation in the New York annual marathon for disabled people, USA New York, USA	$ 630	

Cultural projects

Science and Education Company, Sofia Books Fair Bologna, Italy	$ 1852	
Anri Kulev Andreev Prospective cultural cooperation and contacts with TV and Film Production representatives Seoul, Korea		1 724 220 leva
Asia Kirilova Gruncharova Bulgarians living in Hungary, press- series to be published in Demokratsia Daily Budapest, Hungary		265 500 leva
Bulgarian Encyclopedia, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences Short Encyclopedia of History. World Religions Series Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 2362	
George Stefanov Stoev A song for the Man – Production of an album Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 350	
Department for Children Programs Hristo Botev Channel of the Bulgarian National Radio Iskri Literary Competition for Kids Sofia, Bulgaria		598 720 leva
Lyuborodie Ltd. TV programs within Mati Bolgaria Foundation Sofia, Bulgaria		3 134 600 leva

Lyuben Karavelov Cultural Center Hundredth Anniversary of Lyuben Karavelov Cultural Center Kurtovo Konare, Bulgaria		200 000 leva
National Organization Committee of the Philosophy High School Students Olympiad International Philosophy Olympiad for high school students Warsaw, Poland	$ 60	834 155 leva
National Films Center Seminar on the European film production and film distribution industries Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 600	
Organization Committee of the Petropavlovsky Festival of Popular Culture Petropavlovsky Festival of Popular Culture Lyaskovets, Bulgaria	$ 19	1 804 396 leva
Plamen Dimitrov Petkov Book Fair Jerusalem, Israel	$ 766	
Riva AB 91 Presenting Prof. G. Mihailov's creative work at the International Congress of Epigraphics Rome, Italy	$ 2785	
Bulgarska Sbirka Association Language as an Ambassador: The Bulgarian Language and Literature as Means for Integrating Bulgarians Living Abroad Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 2500	
Cultural Education Center "Dialog" Language and Society Bourgas, Bulgaria	$ 500	
Association of the Bulgarian Writers Presenting the contribution of Atanas Svilenov for the development of Bulgarian culture Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 150	
Creative team lead by Maria Blagoeva Rousseva "To Bulgaria and Back" – a series of programs broadcast by Channel 2 of Bulgarian National TV Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 300	
Ivanka Petrova Stavrieva Participation in the round-table discussion of Balkan film producers during the International Film Festival Toronto, Canada	$ 400	
Itsak Sami Fintsi Participation in the round-table discussion of Balkan film producers during the International Film Festival Toronto, Canada	$ 400	
Vassil Levski Foundation Vassil Levski Popular Festival Karlovo, Bulgaria	$ 2000	
Foundation for restoring the activity of the "Bratstvo" Cultural Center Repairing the Entrance Arcade of the Center Kyustendil, Bulgaria	$ 2180	

Publication, Subscription and Membership Fees

Adriana Anri Georgieva Membership in the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics Philadelphia, USA	$ 93
Dimiter Lubenov Velkov Membership in the Center for Process Studies USA	$ 65
Dimiter Hristov Raev Membership in the International Fellowship of American Heart Association Dallas, USA	$ 301
Magdalena Nikolova Icherenska Membership in the International Textile Apparel Association Manchester, England	$ 20
Mitko Angelov Subchev Membership in the International Society of Chemical Ecology and subscription for the Journal of Chemical Society USA	$ 134
Paraskeva Vladimirova Mihaylova Membership in the European Association of Evolutionary Biology Munich, Germany	$ 77
Petko Stoyanov Petkov Membership in the Institute of Electrical and Elecronics Engineers Computer Society USA	$ 89
Kritika Association at the Bulgarian Film Industry Association Membership in the International Federation of FIPRESI Italy	$ 298

Forums in Bulgaria

Bulgarian Association for British Research Sixth Conference "Bulgaria through the Eyes of British People" Sofia, Bulgaria		50 000 leva
International Architecture Academy Interarch '97 Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 3000	
Rodolyubie National Club, Sofia 5th National Competition for Pupils on the occasion of the 120th anniversary of the Russian-Turkish War Sofia, Bulgaria		312 000 leva
National Federation for Masquerade Games and Rituals 12th International Festival Pernik, Bulgaria	$ 5000	
New Bulgarian University Department of Linguistics and Language Education Second Conference on South-Slavic Languages Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 985	
Psychotherapy 2000 Foundation First Bulgarian-French Congress on Psychoanalysis Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 905	

Cash and Equipment Donations

Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Archives and Library Providing special Japanese paper needed for the restoration of valuable historic documents Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 851
Open Society Club – Smolian Building the Bridge in Zlatograd Zlatograd, Bulgaria	$ 11 700

"Sport for Disabled People" Bulgarian Federation Experimental transport for disabled people Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 1000	
Kurazh-Tishina Publishing House Technological equipment for printing Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 2008	
Maria Rangelova Popova Awarded 1st price at the International Competition for young talented people in Bulgaria Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 700	40 000 leva
Research group for Slavic manuscripts: Bulgarian Orthodox Church Archives Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 1285	
National Museum of Literature – Sofia Conservation and partial restoration of Elin Pelin Museum in Baylovo Baylovo, Bulgaria		1 757 100 leva
National Cultural Center for Blind People Technological equipment, programs and materials for the blind Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 5884	2 674 836 leva
Sts. Cyril and Methodius Religious Seminary Decorating and renovating of the Church Plovdiv, Bulgaria	$ 7369	
Svetla Yordanova Zafirova Distant education in management at the New Bulgarian University Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 1285	
Union of the Blind in Bulgaria Organizing a publication team for the specialized editions for the Union of the Blind and preparation of specialized literature for pupils and students with visual impediments Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 5000	
Transfiguration of the Lord Church Municipality Office Restoration of the Church near the village of Oborishte Panagyurishte, Bulgaria	$ 2000	
Ivan Koychev Bozukov Political philosophy text for Ph.D. students Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 1322	

Publishing Expenses

Tishina Newspaper A publication of the Union of the Deaf in Bulgaria Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 400	
The New Bulgarian University Mediterranean Culture and Society Participation in the production of Iconography Lexicon	$ 1391	
Bern, Switzerland Anatol Vassilev Anchev Folk Culture and Dreams Sofia, Bulgaria		231 900 leva
Bulgarian Historical Review Publication costs Sofia, Bulgaria		200 000 leva
OBLIK Association Insider Monthly Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 18 948	2 466 682 leva
CLIO Association Historical Panorama Magazine Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 4970	
Bulgarian Academy of Sciences Institute of Ethnography Balkan Ethnology, Vol. II Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 650	
Violeta Ivanova Dimova Church Building in Bulgaria during XIII-XIV c. Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 1312	
George Dimitrov Chaushov Introduction into Trialism Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 980	
Tsvyat Bulgaria Group Materials form the International Conference on Cultural Heritage, Varna-'95 Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 3629	
Dobrinka Raycheva Alexandrova Publishing a research on "Paleo Labyrinth and Geometry Figures" Sofia, Bulgaria		1 597 030 leva
Elza Petrova Stoyanova Literary Traditions of the Bulgarian Diaspora in Ukraine – 1861-1993 Kiev, Ukraine	$ 577	
Stanko Borisov Company, Poslanik Newspaper Newspaper for the Bulgarians Living Abroad Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 2000	
Museum of Ethnography – Plovdiv Restarting the Annual publication of the Museum Plovdiv, Bulgaria		900 000 leva
Lubima Yordanova Dimitrova "From Fools to Citizens" Documentary Book Sofia, Bulgaria		1 677 300 leva
Museum for the History of Sofia Publishing the catalogue of the "Secession in Sofia" Exhibition Sofia, Bulgaria		2 793 875 leva
International Festivals Department – Varna Festivals and Spectacles in Contemporary European Culture: Materials from the 4th Summer Meeting Varna, Bulgaria	$ 700	
Panayot Dimitrov Karagyozov Publishing of the book "The Slavic People Today" Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 400	
Anali Magazine Articles on Archeology, Archeometry, Art, Linguistics and Numismatics Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 350	
EK Magazine Edition for Bulgarians living abroad Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 2000	
Stoil Ivanov Kopralev Publication of the book "Old Families and Houses in the Village of Kovatchevitsa" Kovatchevitsa, Bulgaria		2 333 940 leva
Union of the Graduates of His Majesty's Military Schools Publication of the book "My Life: the Tragedy of a Generation" Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 1000	

Educational Projects

Rodolyubie National Club, Sofia — 1 262 000 leva
5th National Students Competition devoted to the 120th Anniversary of the Russian-Turkish War
Sofia, Bulgaria

Pedagogical Qualification Center – Gabrovo — 15 000 000 leva
Language, historical and ethnologic qualification for Bulgarian teachers and students from Moldova, Ukraine and Romania
Gabrovo, Bulgaria

Maritsa Iztok Archeological Museum-Galabovo — 2 646 450 leva
Restoration of a furnace for ceramics used by the inhabitants of the Medieval Fortress near the village of Iskritza
Iskritza, Bulgaria

Balkan and Slavic Anthropology and Medieval Studies Society — $ 109 — 50 000 leva
Time and History in Culture
Sofia, Bulgaria

Roumyana Toneva Petkova — $ 40 — 649 230 leva
National Identity and the Artist on the Balkans
Paris, France

"Virtus" Foundation — $ 15 000 — 1 562 057 leva
Setting-up of a Center for new cultural technologies and cultural heritage
Kyustendil, Bulgaria

Project Expenses

Bulgarian Academy of Science — $ 1000
Institute of Archeology
15 years of research at the Thracian village near Sboryanovo
Sboryanovo, Bulgaria

Fenomeni Association — $ 2645
Homocosmicus – the New Age
Special educational program
Sofia, Bulgaria

Bulgarian Aerospace Agency — $ 650
Local Models for Sustainable Development and European Integration: Sofia, East Ecological Zone
Sofia, Bulgaria

Bulgarian Federation of Speleology — 1 710 000 leva
Education of First Aid Volunteers
Sofia, Bulgaria

Bulgarian Antarctic Institute — $ 9800
5th Bulgarian Antarctic Expedition
Livingston Island

Bulgarian National Radio — 1 235 010 leva
Foreign Programs Department
Radio programs in Bulgarian, Serbian, Greek, Albanian, English, French, German, Spanish, and Portuguese to be broadcast by foreign radio stations

Sofia, Bulgaria
Kurazh Newspaper — $ 1000
Edition of the Union of the Disabled People in Bulgaria
Turning the Kurazh Newspaper Editing Department into a Publishing Center
Sofia, Bulgaria

Etnica Civic Association — $ 500
Mummers Festival – Pernik
Pernik, Bulgaria

Journalist Team — $ 1888
Maxim Karadjov and Tsvetan Tomchev
Bulgarians in Tatarstan and Besarabia: publications and photo exhibition
Moldova and Ukraine

Zdenka Kirilova Todorova — $ 1500
The Bulgarian minority in Serbia deprived from the right of mother tongue education
Serbia

Team lead by Georg Kraev — $ 1500
Organization of the Pernik Mummers Festival
Pernik, Bulgaria

Team headed by Ognian Lazarov — 2 225 000 leva
Authentic folklore culture research in the municipalities of Gotse Delchev, Satovcha, and Hadjidimovo:
broadcasts on the local folk traditions
Gotse Delchev, Bulgaria

Moldova Bulgarian Studies Association — $ 2250
Bulgarians from Moldova and Ukraine during the period 1750-1995:
Preparation of Bibliography Guide
Kishineu, Moldova

National Committee for Anti-seismic Engineering — $ 2000
Urban Buildings in Seismic regions
Sofia, Bulgaria

Kartush Production Team — $ 1000
Lyubomir Milchev and Julia Mineva-Milcheva – TV Program
Sofia, Bulgaria

Team headed by Ivan Rashev Ivanov — $ 700
Photography research of a Byzantine Fortress near the village of Kipilovo
Elena, Bulgaria

Gerenya Association — $ 540
Ecological education and socialization of orphans and poor children
Nadezhda School, Nikopol
Pleven, Bulgaria

Parasoff Paratroopers Sport Society — $ 500
Festival for children from the orphanages
Sofia, Bulgaria

St Pimen from Zograph Society — $ 550
Bulgarian Relics from Athon
Greece

Nature Protection Society — $ 270 — 1 582 360 leva
Control over atmospheric pollution
Sofia, Bulgaria

Vitosha Art Team — 1 711 600 leva
Building-up a Church near the villages of Popovo and Krapets
Pernik, Bulgaria

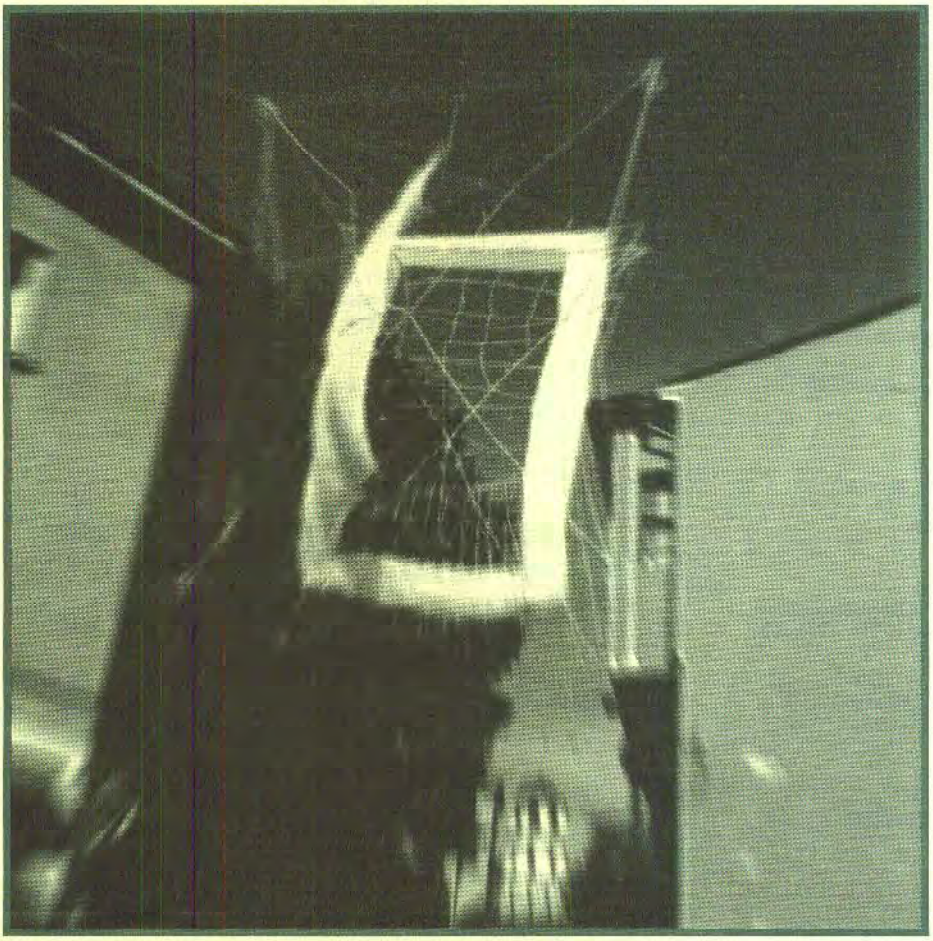
Milena Tonkova and team — $ 650
Illustrating the monograph "Ancient Jewelry in the Thracian Lands"
Paris, France

School for sight-impaired children, Sofia — $ 750
Support for the 1997/98 school year
Sofia, Bulgaria

Bulgarian Exarchate Foundation — $ 1000
Bulgarian Sacred Places in Istanbul – 2 volumes
Sofia, Bulgaria

St. Stefan Foundation — $ 2000
Research on the cultural and historic relations between Istanbul and Plovdiv during the period of the Bulgarian Renaissance
Istanbul, Turkey

Hristo Yordanov Yotov — $ 3000
Ethnograhy Complex Building
Tarnichene, Bulgaria



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The regional programs coordinated by the center provided Bulgarian artists with an opportunity to participate in festivals and seminars all over the world. A number of significant forums setting the trends in modern culture were held in Sofia. The Soros Center for the Arts was among the organizers of the Summer Theater Academy. Under the Artslink Program, five Bulgarian artists and art critics spent one month working in various studios in the United States. The Cultural Link Program supported several international seminars and forums in Bulgaria, which brought together artists from all Eastern European countries. The Soros Center for the Arts continued its successful cooperation with the CEU Translation Project, financing the publication of significant works in the humanities. Sixteen books were published in 1997 as a result of this cooperation. Under the Regional Performing Arts Program, Bulgarian actors learned new techniques at a series of practical seminars organized by the Program.

The Computer Arts Center Project, carried out by the Soros Center for the Arts in cooperation with the Students' Computer Arts Society, supported the projects of 11 young computer artists.

The Soros Center for the Arts, in cooperation with the Union of Bulgarian Filmmakers, the Bulgarian National Film Archives, the National Film Center, the British Council in Sofia, the Czech Cultural Center, the Goethe Institute, the United States Information Agency and the Cultural Service of the Embassy of France in Bulgaria, supported the annual Music Film Festival in Sofia.

Short-term Internships Abroad

Elena Nikolaeva Kantareva-Detcheva — $ 31 — 1 255 072 leva
OSI – New York Regional Conservation Program
Boston, USA

Forums in Bulgaria

Organizational team of the Music Film Festival — $ 5000
Music Film Festival
Sofia, Bulgaria

Tzveti Hristov Kirov — $ 1430
"24th of May" Art Fair
Sofia, Bulgaria

Concert on the occasion of — 3 500 000 leva
the 7th Anniversary of
the Open Society Foundation – Sofia
Sofia, Bulgaria

"Chudomir" Foundation — $ 1300
Chudomir's Festival 1997
Kazanlak, Bulgaria

Media and Publishing Projects

House of Humor and Satire — 2 245 200 leva
"Blagolaj" Collection and a catalogue of
Boris Dimovski and George Chapkanov
Gabrovo, Bulgaria

"Avlos" Publishing House — $ 2850
The second volume of the "Bulgarian Library"
series, dedicated to Ivaylo Petrov
Sankt Augustin, Germany

"Prosveta" Publishing House — 750 000 leva
Slides for the book "Aesthetics of
Contemporary Bulgarian Art"
by Prof. Dimiter Avramov
Sofia, Bulgaria

"Fakel" Publishing House — $ 2380
"Anthropological Philosophy of
Bulgarian History" by Assen Ignatov
Sofia, Bulgaria

"Ango Boy" Publishing House — $ 2000
"The Great Madness"
by Svetoslav Luchnikov
Sofia, Bulgaria

"Future Revisited" Photo Album — 6 721 224 leva
Sofia, Bulgaria

"Sedmodnev" TV Show — 15 953 208 leva
Sofia, Bulgaria

Project Expenses

"Who is Who in Bulgarian Culture" — 1 038 693 leva
Sofia, Bulgaria

Bulgarian Art Foundation — $ 5000
Days of Bulgarian Culture in Amsterdam
Netherlands, Amsterdam

Association of Bulgarian Writers — 2 768 114 leva
Support for the Yavorov Museum
Sofia, Bulgaria

National Gallery of Arts — 16 008 900 leva
Renovation of the exhibition halls
Sofia, Bulgaria

Students Computer Arts Society — $ 5000
Development of the Computer Arts Center
Sofia, Bulgaria

Preservation of — $ 16 800
the European Architectural Heritage Program

Photo Archive — 6 954 863 leva

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A photo exhibition entitled "Farewell to the Empire" was displayed in Sofia, Varna and Plovdiv, under the Regional SCARP Program.

Visual Arts Program

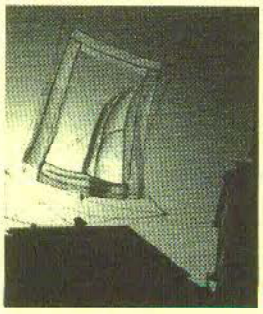
In 1997 the Visual Arts program contributed to the creation of a favorable environment for the development of contemporary visual arts in Bulgaria by providing funds, information and specialized materials to artists and art organizations.

The Program fostered cooperation between Bulgarian and foreign cultural institutions and offered its support to projects carried out by Bulgarian artists.

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The Program financed the publication of catalogues of Bulgarian artists from different generations. Funds were also provided for the catalogues of the International Triennial of Stage Posters in Sofia, the International Biennial of Graphics in Varna, and the Second International Biennial of Graphics in Sofia.

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Institutional Support

National Gallery of Arts — 1 732 600 leva
Support for the renovations of the gallery building
Bulgaria, Sofia

Student Computer Arts Society (SCAS) — $ 5000
Support for the development of
the Computer Arts Center
Bulgaria, Sofia

XXL Gallery – Sofia — $ 2000
Joint project of SCA and XXL Gallery to use
the exhibition areas of gallery
Bulgaria, Sofia

Textile Department of the Academy of — $ 776
Fine Arts – Sofia
Support for the Computer Information Center of
the Department
Bulgaria, Sofia

Participation in Forums Abroad

Bulgarian Art Foundation — $ 5000
Days of Bulgarian Culture in Amsterdam
Netherlands, Amsterdam

Boyan Gospodinov Dobrev — $ 500
"The Temple of Calmness" Project –
An art installation of computer images –
travel grant
Spain, Cuenca

Bogomil Vladimirov Zhivkov — $ 345
"Dante in Bulgaria" Project – travel grant
Italy, Ravena

Culture Newspaper — $ 150
Visit of Christo Gradechliev to the "X File"
Exhibition – travel grant
Germany, Kassel

Krassimir Georgiev Terziev — $ 510
Participation in a multi media seminar –
travel grant
Finland, Tornio

Tatiana Ivanova Vucheva — $ 230
Participation in the First Biennial of Naive Art –
customs fees and ATA
France, Laval

Mihail Detelinov Dimov — $ 350
Participation in a multi media seminar –
travel grant
Finland, Tornio

Ivan Vesselinov Vassilev — $ 380
Caricature Exhibition at the Annecy Festival –
travel grant
France, Annecy

Evelina Dimitrova Chandzhieva — $ 300
Participation in a ceramics symposium –
travel grant
Spain, Sargadelos

Kossio Minchev Minchev — $ 500
Participation in the ART/OMI Resident Program –
travel grant
USA, New York

Ivan Chavdarov Yanev — $ 170
Participation in
the International Biennial of Sculpture –
transportation ant customs fees
Japan, Abutagun

Stefan Dimitrov Simov — $ 500
Participation in a visual arts course –
travel grant and accommodation expenses
Italy, Como

Plamen Georgiev Yordanov — $ 150
Participation in
the Third International Symposium of
Sculpture – travel grant
Switzerland, Sur Enne

Ivan Vassiliev Kostov — $ 500
Participation in the International Biennial of
Ceramics – transportation costs
Portugal, Aveiro

Irina Ivanova Genova — $ 227
Participation in the International Conference on
the " Internationalism and Genius Loci" –
travel grant
Poland, Warsaw

Zlatka Georgieva Andreeva — $ 338
Exhibition in the Cite International des Arts –
rent of exhibition area
France, Paris

Julia Ivanova Ivanova — $ 453
Participation in an Art Festival
Germany, Cologne

Yana Simeonova Simeonova — $ 200
Apple Project – participation fee
France, Paris

Maya Georgieva Chalakova — $ 400
Ph.D. Studies
The Czech Republic

Publishing Expenses

Bulgarian Artist Publishing House — $ 1600
Publishing of the monograph
"Ivan Nenov – Live and Creativity"
by Tatiana Dimitrova
Bulgaria, Sofia

Art Problems Magazine — $ 350
Publishing of a special issue on
contemporary arts
Bulgaria, Sofia

Izkustvo/Art in Bulgaria Magazine — $ 2000
Publishing of two special issues of
the magazine in English –
VideoHarT Annual Exhibition of SCA and
Best Articles on Contemporary Arts
Bulgaria, Sofia

Borislav Vladimirov Stoev — $ 500
Catalog Publishing on the occasion of
the 70th anniversary of the artist
Bulgaria, Sofia

Union of Bulgarian Artists – Pleven — $ 800
Catalog Publishing on the occasion of
the 50th anniversary of the Union
Bulgaria, Pleven

International Triennial of Stage Poster – Sofia — $ 400
Catalog Publishing
Bulgaria, Sofia

Maria Stefanova Kalcheva (Maria Stolarova) — $ 300
Catalog Publishing
Bulgaria, Sofia

Students Computer Arts Society (SCAS) — $ 300
9th International Forum of Computer Arts –
Catalog Publishing
Bulgaria, Sofia

International Biennial of Graphics – Varna'97 — $ 3500
Catalog Publishing
Bulgaria, Sofia

Plovdiv Artists Association — $ 400
Catalog Publishing
Bulgaria, Plovdiv

Dobromir Georgiev Georgiev — $ 500
"Man House – Chimney – Sky Spirit" Project –
Catalog publishing
Bulgaria, Sofia

Graphic Section of Union of Bulgarian Artists — $ 3655
Second Triennial of Printing – Sofia –
Catalog Publishing
Bulgaria, Sofia

Irida Gallery – Sofia $ 315
Catalog Publishing
Bulgaria, Sofia

Rumen Vassilev Tarnev $ 400
Catalog Publishing
Bulgaria, Sofia

Galentin Kraev Gatev $ 500
"Something Like an Ancient Blotting Paper"
Exhibition – catalog publishing and
transportation costs
Germany, Berlin

Criticism Section of Union of Bulgarian Artists $ 350
Publishing the collection "Errata's Version"
Bulgaria, Sofia

Zornitza Popgancheva, Kiril Zlatkov and $ 800
Diana Popova
"After Prison" Exhibition – Catalog Publishing
Bulgaria, Sofia

Adelina Fileva and team $ 1000
"Armenian Artists in Bulgaria" Exhibition –
Catalog Publishing
Bulgaria, Sofia

Process-Space Festival $ 400
Catalog Publishing
Bulgaria, Sofia

Gogov and Sons Company $ 700
Catalog Publishing
Bulgaria, Sofia

Lyuben Christov Zidarov $ 500
Catalog Publishing
Bulgaria, Sofia

National Gallery of Arts $ 500
Advertising Materials for
the Bulgarian Contemporary Arts Exposition
Bulgaria, Sofia

Dobrin Stoilov Peichev $ 265
Advertising Materials for
the "Zero Kilometer" Project
Bulgaria, Sofia

Edward Zachariev $ 300
Preparation and Printing of film poster
Bulgaria, Sofia

Rousse Gallery of Arts 2 067 360
Catalog Publishing
Bulgaria, Rousse

Projects Supported under the Catalogue Publishing Competition of the Program

Lyuben Margaritov Kostov $ 600
Bulgaria, Sofia

Ekaterina Genova-Kurteva $ 300
Bulgaria, Sofia

Petko Georgiev Petkov $ 500
Bulgaria, Sofia

Ilyana Todorova Kamburova $ 800
Bulgaria, Sofia

Tzvetan Georgiev Kazandzhiev $ 400
Bulgaria, Sofia

Pavlin Iliev Kotzev $ 400
Bulgaria, Sofia

Svetlomir Konstantinov Marinovski $ 300
Bulgaria, Sofia

Angela Dimitrova Minkova $ 500
Bulgaria, Sofia

Adelina Popnedeleva $ 800
Bulgaria, Sofia

Svetla Georgieva Mutafchieva $ 500
Bulgaria, Sofia

Nedko Vassilev Nedkov $ 500
Bulgaria, Sofia

Rumen Zhelev Zhekov $ 800
Bulgaria, Sofia

Ventzislav Ognianov Zankov $ 400
Bulgaria, Sofia

Ivan Raykov Ninov $ 600
Bulgaria, Sofia

Sasho Kirilov Stoitzov $ 800
Bulgaria, Blagoevgrad

Dimitar Atanassov Yaranov $ 500
Bulgaria, Sofia

Maria Konstantinova Tzanova-Kirkova $ 600
Bulgaria, Sofia

Dancho Yanev Tenev $ 562
Bulgaria, Sofia

Evgeni Georgiev Kuzmanov $ 500
Bulgaria, Sofia

Stephan Borissov Despodov $ 500
Bulgaria, Sofia

Anna Hristova Boyadzhieva $ 600
Bulgaria, Sofia

Project Expenses

Students from the Painting Department of $ 500
the Academy of Fine Arts in Sofia
"Laborart" Project –
documentation, materials and transportation costs
Bulgaria, village of Karlukovo

Mariela Metodieva Gemisheva $ 250
"Dessert Action" in Sofia City Gallery –
documentation
Bulgaria, Sofia

Svetoslav Angelov Kossev $ 200
"The Possibility for Co-existence of
Virtual and Real Objects"
Bulgaria, Veliko Turnovo

Irena Yankova Dimitrova $ 300
"Mutual Penetration of Color, Lightness,
Forms and Space in the Painting Matter"
Bulgaria, Veliko Turnovo

Petar Tzvetanov Barchev $ 250
Danube Art Festival –
transportation costs and materials
Bulgaria, Novo selo

Stage Design Section of Union of $ 1850
Bulgarian Artists and Bulgarian Center of OISTAT
International Meeting of
Stage Design Educational Commission of
OISTAT on the topic
"Contemporary Programs and Strategies of
Stage Design Education"
Bulgaria, Varna

Students Computer Arts Society (SCAS) $ 100
Prize for Computer Graphics Competition
Bulgaria, Sofia

Annual Exhibition $ 13 643
ARS EX NATIO – Made in BG



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Theater Program

In 1997 the Theater Program supported new tendencies in the development of Bulgarian theater and modern dance, as well as individual projects by promising young Bulgarian artists.

The Program cooperated with various art organizations and individual artists to expand and develop its working network around the world, in order to foster the integration of Bulgarian culture into the cultural values of Europe.

Throughout the year, the Theater Program gave priority to individual and group projects initiated by non-governmental theater associations, thus stimulating the processes that create a favorable environment for the development of Bulgarian theater and encourage free thinking.

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The Expert and Advisory Council of the Program approved 63 of the 95 projects that applied for financing in 1997. The Program managed to raise 15 % of its budget from external donors.

Debuts

"Dimitar Marin RENTO" – $ 600
Georgi Ivanov Kadurin and team
Theater performance based on
"The Rhinoceros" by Eugene Ionescu
Sofia Municipal Theater
Bulgaria, Sofia

Concepts – Bulgaria Foundation – $ 500
Nelly Todorova Nedelcheva and team
Theater performance of "Judith"
by Howard Baker
Theater 199
Bulgaria, Sofia

Free Theater – Stepan Poliakov and $ 500
Hristo Stoitchev
Staging of the new Bulgarian play
"Mendelson Does Not Want to Stifle Fires"
Bulgaria, Sofia

Design 2000 Foundation – Mirror Theater $ 225
Dance theater performance "Walls"
National Place of Culture
Bulgaria, Sofia

Ku-Ku Film Ltd. 899 500 leva
Deliana Maneva, Milena Panteleeva and
Tzvetomir Lazarova
Theater performance of "Glass City"
by Paul Ouster
Sofia Municipal Theater
Bulgaria, Sofia

Drama Theater – Montana 1 593 045 leva
Theater performance of "Fragments"
by Murray Shisgal
Director – Hristo Botev
Free Theater – Sofia and Drama Theater – Montana
Bulgaria, Sofia, Montana

Theatre, Dance Theatre and Modern Dance Performances

Svetoslav Todorov Ovcharov and team $ 2000
Staging of "Amore Desperado"
Sofia Municipal Theater
Bulgaria, Sofia

ARS Ltd. – Stoyan Dimitrov Kambarev and team 3 191 400 leva
Theater performance of "Three sisters"
by A. P. Chekhov
Sofia Municipal Theater
Bulgaria, Sofia

Concept for Theater Foundation 1 274 560 leva
Theater performance of
"Gospel According to Matthew"
Author, director and performer: Marius Kurkinski
State Satiric Theater "Aleko Konstantinov"
Bulgaria, Sofia

Experimental Studio-Theater "Yorik" $ 600
One-man Show of Stavri Karamfilov after
"Let me be Silent" by Franz Kafka
Bulgaria, Blagoevgrad

Drama Theater "Konstantin Velichkov" – 180 000 leva
Pazardjik
Theater performance of
"The Downfall of Illusions or Who's
Afraid of Virginia Woolf" by Edward Albee
Bulgaria, Pazardjik

Theater 199 $ 1500
Theater performance of "Little Eyolf"
by Henrik Ibsen
Director – Plamen Markov
Bulgaria, Sofia

Belle Epoque 3 Foundation – $ 1300
Gergana Nikolova Todeva and team
Theater performance of
"Dona Rosita or the Language of the Flowers"
State Satiric Theater 'Aleko Konstantinov"
Bulgaria, Sofia

Society in Transition Foundation – 3 500 000 leva
Galin Stoitchev Stoev and company
Performance of "Disney Villa" by Philip Ridley
Theater 199
Bulgaria, Sofia

Sfumato Theater $ 2000
Theater performance of
"The Dream of Odyssey" based on texts
by Heiner Muller, Joseph Brodski,
Georgi Tenev and Kiril Merdjanski
Director – Javor Gardev
Bulgaria, Sofia

GEKON Production and Design House $ 1500
Theater performance of
"Alice in Wonderland" by Louis Carol
First Private Theater "La Strada"
Bulgaria, Sofia

Alternativa Theater Ltd. 1 799 000 leva
Re-staging the performance "Marriage"
Bulgaria, Sofia

Edkom Ltd. 2 698 500 leva
Theater performance of
"Gargantua and Pantagruel"
Director – Illian Simeonov
Youth Theater
Bulgaria, Sofia

Garfield Ltd. $ 1500
Solo dance performance and
improvisation of Galina Assenova Borissova
"Ivan Vazov" National Theater
Bulgaria, Sofia

Carpeia Theater Company – Bourgas $ 1200
Theater performance of
"If You Do Not Know, Why Do You Ask?"
Director – Elena Panayotova
First Private Theater "La Strada"
Bulgaria, Sofia, Bourgas

Dimitar Radev Nedkov and team $ 1000
"Comedy of Errors" after William Shakespeare
First Private Theater "La Strada"
Bulgaria, Sofia

"Stefan Kirov" Drama Theater – Sliven 2 842 080 leva
Assia Ivanova and Antoaneta Petrova
Theater performance of "Goodnight, Mummy"
by Marsha Norman
Bulgaria, Sliven

National Palace of Culture 5 863 440 leva
Theater performance of "Trainspotting" by Irvin Welsh
Director – Ivan Panteleev
Bulgaria, Sofia

Arkadia 21 Foundation $ 1305
Children theater performance of
"Christmas Star of Hope" staged in
hospitals around Bulgaria
Bulgaria

Participation in International Forums

Galin Stoitchev Stoev 635 544 leva
Watermans' Arts Centre
UK, London

Alexandar Ivanov Ivanov $ 95
International Puppet Festival
Czech Republic, Prague

Stefka Ivanova Ratcheva $ 95
International Puppet Festival
Czech Republic, Prague

Vladimir Nikolov Penev $ 826
Visit and Research Work in Quan'Sous Theater
Canada, Montreal

Jatzek Viktorov Todorov $ 64 391 348 leva
Cameramen's World Forum "Camerimage'97"
Poland, Torun

Alexandar Tzankov Petrov $ 101 737103 leva
International Film Festival for
Short Feature Films
by Young Filmmakers MERIDIENS'97
France, Toulouse

Antonia Assenova Kovacheva 737 103 leva
4-th International Leipzig Film Festival
Germany, Leipzig

Nikolay Slavev Volev $ 350
International Film Festival
Germany, Manheim

Patar Zaprianov Odajiev $ 48 442 500 leva
International Students' Film Festival
Italy, Florence

Training

Martin Kochovski 735 370 leva
Elena Vesselinova Koleva 735 370 leva
Participation in the ERASMUS'97 Project
University of Arhus
Denmark, Arhus

Krassin Gueorguiev Iordanov $ 60 649 006 leva
Participation in the workshop
"Betrayal and Belief"
Center for Performance Research
UK, Wales

Anelia Hristova Grigorova $ 400
Internship in "INTERARTS"
Spain, Barcelona

Tzveta Dimitrova Kassabova $ 1500
Participation in Wiener Tanz Wochen
Austria, Vienna

Elvira Vartan Barakian $ 167
Participation in
European Performing Arts Management Course
The Amsterdam-Maastricht Summer University
The Netherlands, Amsterdam

Mila Ivanova Ivanova $ 400
Participation in the Zimmer Tanz Wochen
Austria, Vienna

Elena Panayotova Panayotova 32 900 leva
Preparatory English language course for
participation in seminar for managers and
producers of performing arts festivals in
Central and Eastern Europe
"Performing Arts Festivals: Philosophy and Practice"
Visiting Arts – London
UK, Scotland, Edinburgh

Nikolay Goranov Iordanov 961 045 leva
Participation in seminar for managers and
producers of performing arts festivals in
Central and Eastern Europe
"Performing Arts Festivals:
Philosophy and Practice"
Visiting Arts – London
UK, Scotland, Edinburgh

Counterpoint Theater Company International Theater Atelier "Balkan Plays" "Ivan Dimov" Drama Theater – Haskovo Haskovo, Sozopol, Bulgaria		480 000 leva
Zlatko Radev Goulekov Participation in the Show Case Seminar of the British Council British Council UK, Scotland, Edinburgh	$ 180	976 257 leva
Lubomir Antonov Karimanski Long-term specialization in the Music Drama Academy New York USA, New York	$ 632	706 725 leva
Alexandar Gueorguiev Marinov Participation in seminar "Renaissance and Psychodrama" Psychodrama Institute Poland, Krakow	$ 250	
Alexandar Patrov Angelov Participation in seminar "Renaissance and Psychodrama" Psychodrama Institute Poland, Krakow	$ 360	
Tatiana Stoyanova Sokolova Workshop of Patricia Bardy and Wendy Houston International Workshop Festival – London UK, London	$ 1048	679 558 leva
Tania Vassileva Kazandjieva Participation in the International Workshop Festival – London UK, London, Glasgow, Belfast	$ 735	1 051 215 leva
Peter Borissov Goranov Participation in the International Workshop Festival – London UK, London, Glasgow, Belfast	$ 900	1 263 975 leva
Krassimir Ivanov Hazarbassanov Art Management Course under the ECUM-ECUMEST Program France, Romania, Dijon, Bucharest	$ 2000	
Theodora Petrova Todorova Participation in the 32nd Annual Conference of the American Dance Therapy Association – Philadelphia American Dance Therapy Association USA, Philadelphia	$ 600	
Yavor Nentchev Koynakov Elina Iskrenova Kalinova Participation in the seminar "Creating Conditions for Independent Work in Performing Arts" Hungarian Independent Theater Association Hungary, Budapest	$ 13 $ 13	378 830 leva 378 830 leva
Stefka Ivanova Zlatkova Diana Spassova Spassova Contemporary Drama Meeting – discussing plays by Jean-Francois Prevande and M. Vishnek France, Bordeaux	$ 152 $ 152	620 928 leva 620 928 leva
New Bulgarian University National Academy of Drama and Film Art Laban Technique Training with Guy Sonnen Bulgaria, Sofia	$ 500	

Joint Projects

Goethe Institute, New Bulgarian University, State School of Choreography – Sofia Contemporary Dance Training with Be van Vark Bulgaria, Sofia	$ 163	280 571 leva
Summer Academy for Performing Arts – Sofia Training Course on "Feldenkrais for Performing Artists" and Symposium on "Present-day Reality as a Transmission of Memory from Past to Future" Co-organizers: Soros Center for the Arts, New Bulgarian University, Amsterdam-Maastricht Summer University, and Gulliver Clearing House Network Bulgaria, Sofia	$ 30 629	

Theater Forums in Bulgaria, Visiting Performances

Theater in a Suitcase Foundation Theater in a Suitcase Festival Bulgaria, Sofia, Bourgas	$ 4500	
Bulgarian Theater Association International Theater Festival "Varna Summer'97" – Off Program Bulgaria, Varna	$ 4000	
A'SKEER Foundation and Idea of Theater Foundation Visit of TALIA Theater, Hamburg – Germany with performance "House No 13" after A. P. Chekhov, Director -Stephan Moskov Theater of Bulgarian Army Bulgaria, Sofia		4 489 000 leva
National Academy for Drama and Film Arts Organization and realization of the Balkan Theater Schools Meeting Bulgaria, Sofia	$ 800	
Cinema House Eurounderground Film Festival Bulgaria, Sofia	$ 750	

Concerts of — 2 936 867 leva
the Indonesian Pianist Ananda Sukarlan
Joint project of the Soros Center for
the Arts – Sofia, and the Royal Dutch Embassy
Sheraton Hotel, National Palace of Culture
Bulgaria, Sofia

Publications

History and Theory of Theater Department — $ 750
Bulgarian Academy of Sciences
A special issue of "Art Problems"
Magazine dedicated to theater
Bulgaria, Sofia



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Music and Performing Arts Program

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In 1997, the Program cooperated with organizations from other Balkan countries and set the foundations of a Balkan Forum for Music Cooperation, which will encourage Balkan collaboration and the free exchange of ideas and information in the field of contemporary music and performing arts. At the end of October, the Soros Center for the Arts – Sofia hosted the Annual Assembly of the forum, which featured concerts, exhibitions and public discussions.

The Music and Performing Arts Program financed a number of international forums: the International Jazz Festival in Plovdiv, the Sofia Summer Chamber Music Festival, the International Choir Festival in Varna, the Musica Nova Contemporary Music Festival, and others. The Program cooperated actively with its traditional partners, the New Music Association, the Classic FM Radio, and the State Academy of Music, as well as with other informal associations and organizations.

The year 1997 marked the beginning of an extensive research project to catalogue musical archives and heritage. The project aims at systematizing, researching and preserving the musical and audio archives owned by private individuals and NGOs.

Some of the most interesting projects financed by the Program over the course of 1997 were presented at the traditional Christmas Concerts held in Sofia at the end of the year.

Short-term Specialization Courses Abroad

Vladislava Vladimirova Vladova — $ 138
Specialization Course in Viola at
the European Mozart Academy
Warsaw, Poland

Slavina Zelezova Zelezova — $ 699
Entrance Exam at Juilliard School after
preliminary audition.
New York, USA

Ioanna Aleksandrova Tzoneva — $ 180
Participation in
the 9th Interpretation Opera Singing Course
European Mozart Academy
Bonn, Germany

Mila Liubenova Pavlova — $ 391
Specialization Course in Flute in
Loik Poulen Class
Paris, France

Woodwind Quintet "Sofia" — $ 677
Participation at
the Chamber Music Summer Workshop
Semmering, Austria

Participation in Competitions and Workshops Abroad

Academic Woodwind Quintet — $ 800
Participation at the Festival
"Thirteen States Play Music in Moravia"
Brno, Czech

Borislav Georgiev Iotzov — 822 250 leva
Participation at
22nd International Competition for
Wind instruments
Toulon, France

Vesselka Mariova Petrova — $ 29 — 697 000 leva
Participation at
the Fourth International Ballet Competition –
Luxembourg, after preliminary audition,
organized by Soros Center for the Arts and
the National School of Chorcography
Luxembourg

Grigor Petrov Palikarov — $ 170
Participation at first round of
the 11th International Conductors Competition –
Tokyo 97
Brussels, Belgium

Kamen Chanev Chanev — $ 490
Audition after preliminary competition at
the European Opera Center, under
the aegis of the European Union.
Dublin, Ireland

Chamber Ensemble "Three plus One" — $ 270
Concerts in Austria and the Czech Republic
Competition "Concertino" Prague
Prague, the Czech Republic

Liudmil Dimitrov Fotev — $ 300
Coverage of the International Jazz Festival – .
Montreal 97
Montreal, Canada

Momchil Nikolaev Mladenov — $ 280
Participation at
the International Ballet Competition –
Moscow 97
Moscow, Russia

Petia Mihailova Bagovska — $ 175
Participation and solo performance at
the International Workshop for double bass –
guest professor Martin Luther University
Hale, Germany

Sara-Nora Assenova Krasteva — $ 60
Participation in
the International Ballet Competition – Moscow 97
Moscow, Russia

Todor Kostadinov Ivanov — $ 220
Participation in
the 49th International Competition
"Prague Spring"
Prague, the Czech Republic

Jiliana Hristova Aleksieva — $ 360
Participation in
the International Composer's Tribune in Paris as
a representative of Bulgarian National Radio and
a member of the jury
Paris, France

Dragomir Nedialkov Iossifov — 570 815 leva
Participation in
the International Festival "Moscow Autumn" and
promoting contemporary Bulgarian Music
Moscow, Russia

Russi Dragiev Tarmakov — 570 815 leva
Participation in the International Festival
"Moscow Autumn" and promoting contemporary
Bulgarian Music
Moscow, Russia

Aleksander Nikolaev Somov — $ 575 — 929 772 leva
Solo performances at the Festival
"Sofia Summer" and the Christmas Concerts of
the Soros Center for the Arts
Sofia, Bulgaria

Boyan Ivanov Bonev — 547 604 leva
Participation in
the International Violoncello Competition
"Valentino Bucci"
Roma, Italy

Membership Fees

Union of Bulgarian Choirs — $ 363
Membership fee for
the International Europa Cantat Association
Marktoberdorf, Germany

International Projects in Bulgaria

International May Choir Competition — 1 432 775 leva
"Prof. Georgi Dimitrov"
24th International May Choir Competition
Varna, Bulgaria

Municipality of Kurdjali — 850 000 leva
Organizing Committee of
the First Balkan Festival of Turkish Song
and Poetry
Kurdjali, Bulgaria

"Chamber Music Agency" at — 972 736 leva
the Ministry of Culture
Chamber Music Festival "Sofia Summer 97"
Sofia, Bulgaria

Municipality Department — 2 847 909 leva
"Child and Youth Creativity"
International Youth Jazz Festival – 97
Plovdiv, Bulgaria

National Piano Competition "Dimitar Nenov" — 1 247 208 leva
Organizing of
the Second National Young Pianists Competition
"Dimitar Nenov"
Razgrad, Bulgaria

Premieres and Young Performers

Sofia Music Agency — 887 750 leva
Three concerts of contemporary piano
music performed by Angela Tosheva
Sofia, Bulgaria

"Ringo and Co" 350 000 leva
Concert of Prof. Dimitar Tapkov and
his students in composition
Sofia, Bulgaria

Foundation "Belle Epoque 3" $ 1200
"Indecent" – dance performance
of "Amaranth Dance Studio"
Sofia, Bulgaria

Producing and Advertising Company "Gekon" $ 300
Youth Music and Dance performance
"Alice in Wonderland" by Louis Carol
Sofia, Bulgaria

Publishing Expenses

"Delta – Emil Georgiev" Company $ 1000
"Pop & Rock" Newspaper
Sofia, Bulgaria

"Maxtrade" Ltd. $ 3500
CD Production
"Contemporary Bulgarian Composers" –
works by Rumen Bairaktarov and Dimitar Nenov
Sofia, Bulgaria

Sofia Chamber Choir "Vassil Arnaudov" 2 620 000 leva
In memory of Vassil Arnaudov –
a CD with works by
contemporary Bulgarian composers
Sofia, Bulgaria

University Publishing House 710 520 leva
"Prof. Marin Drinov"
"Bulgarian Christmas Songs. Theory and
Comparison" by Todor Djidjev
Sofia, Bulgaria

Joint Projects

Balkan Forum for Music Cooperation $ 5000
Annual Meeting and Symposia
In cooperation with the OSF European Fund,
Bulgarian National Radio, International Board
of Balkan Forum for Music Cooperation
Sofia, Bulgaria

Open Society Club – Bourgas 5 200 000 leva
International Blues Festival
"Bourgas Blues Fest – 97"
Bourgas, Bulgaria

Music Film Fest Organizing Committee $ 2000
Twenty jazz and rock concerts
accompanying Music Film Fest 97
Sofia, Bulgaria

Bulgarian National TV, Classic FM Radio, $ 4750
Names from the Future Club
Five TV programs
" Names from the Future Club "
Sofia, Bulgaria

Project Expenses

"New Rhythm" Magazine 4 497 500 leva
Creating an Information
Network and Documentation Archive on
contemporary Bulgarian pop, rock
and jazz music
Sofia, Bulgaria

Team lead by Zahari Milenkov 2 116 396 leva
Research and preservation of sound archives
"Sounds from the Past – to the Future" –
in assistance to the Golden Fund of
the Faculty of Journalism and
Mass Communications
Sofia, Bulgaria

"Roma Art Academy " Foundation 1 670 700 leva
Purchase of second-hand music
instruments for the Roma Youth Art Academy
Sofia, Bulgaria

Rousse State Opera 473 235 leva
"Goat's Horn" –
Ballet by Krassimir Kiurkchiiski
Rousse, Bulgaria

Music Archives Project $ 3400 2 005 321 leva
Round-table discussions on problems of
Music Archives – Simeonovo, November 1997
Sofia, Bulgaria

Recording "The Green House" 5 949 418 leva
by Milcho Leviev Jazz Cantata
Sofia, Bulgaria

Visit and concert of the Guildhall Jazz Sextet $ 1000
Sofia, Bulgaria

Promotion of Seven CDs with performance 288 985 leva
of opera singer Nikola Giuselev
Sofia, Bulgaria

"Evensong for the Dead" Project 1 533 550 leva
Publishing of scores:
"The Sanctification of the Heavenly Space"
and "Easter Music" by Ivan Spassov
Plovdiv, Bulgaria

Music Information Center Project 7 602 400 leva
Working group lead by Ivailo Abrashev
Database Development
Sofia, Bulgaria

Recording the Jazz Album 1 953 050 leva
"Pictures from the other Europe"
Vesselin Vesselinov, Roumen Toskov,
Vladimir Karparov, "Vai dudulei"
Sofia, Bulgaria

Christmas Concerts, December 13 – 23,1997 9 421 544 leva
Sofia, Bulgaria

Visit to Bulgaria of Milcho Leviev 2 980 641 leva
Sofia, Bulgaria



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4 periodical editions; many conferences, literary readings, book promotions, meetings with writers, etc.

Literature Program

In 1997 the Program fostered contemporary Bulgarian literature and literary critics by offering financial support and assistance to projects in these areas.

The program fostered the institutional development of NGOs working in the field of literature, financed contemporary literary research projects offering a new approach to the theory and history of literature, encouraged the international exchange of ideas and information in the fields of literature and literary criticism, and promoted educational programs and foreign research projects on Bulgarian literature.

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Established at the beginning of 1997, the Culture Periodicals Program is aimed at supporting existing journals which raise a public and theoretical debate on the problems of literature and the arts, and express different ideas and concepts. The program focused on journals that discuss contemporary processes in culture and their reflection in theory.

Over the whole year, the Program financed 3 literary newspapers, 4 magazines, one art almanac, and a new literary magazine.

Publishing Projects

Bulgarian Collection Foundation Publishing of "Bulgarian Collection" Series Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 5000	
Emilian Stanev Museum Jubilee newspaper edition on Emilian Stanev Veliko Turnovo, Bulgaria	$ 475	
"Elias Kanetti" Association Proceedings from an international conference on Elias Kanetti Rousse, Bulgaria	$ 880	
Bard Publishers "Flee market" from Russi Chanev and Mladen Mladenov Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 800	
"AB" Publishers Bilingual edition of Nikolai Kanchev's poetry Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 650	
Publishing House of the National Assembly "Semiotic of the Color" by Miroslav Dachev Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 900	
"Friends of Aleko Konstantinov" Association Documentary collection on Aleko Konstantinov Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 1500	
Esperanto and Society Foundation "Kaliopa" by Yavorov in Esperanto Sofia, Bulgaria		80 000 leva
Sts. Cyril and Methodius National Library Collection of articles in memoriam of Sabina Beliaeva Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 953	
Sts. Cyril and Methodius National Library Bibliography of Yana Yazova Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 270	
Ivan Vazov Publishers "The Echo of the Smile" by Radoi Ralin Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 1000	
Critique and Humanism Publishers "The Rhetorics of Literature" by Paul de Man Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 1000	
PAN Publishers "Manual for Suiciders" by Maria Stankova Sofia, Bulgaria		1 444 132 leva
Literaturen Vestnik Ltd. "Selected" by Visslava Shimborska Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 680	
Lettera Publishers "Genesis II" by Dimitar Bochev Plovdiv, Bulgaria	$ 700	
Emilian Stanev Museum Proceedings from a conference on Emilian Stanev Veliko Turnovo, Bulgaria	$ 700	
University of Sofia Department of Theory of Literature Collection of articles Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 354	
Bulgarian Academy of Sciences Institute for Bulgarian Language Atlas of Bulgarian Dialects Sofia, Bulgaria		7 488 000 leva
"AB" Publishers "The Role of the Bard in Slavonic Literatures" by Katia Mihailova Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 800	
Antos Publishers Proceedings from an international conference on Kiril Hristov Shoumen, Bulgaria		775 806 leva
Vessela Luzkanova Publishers "The Butchering of the Rooster" by Deian Enev Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 500	
Kralitza Mab Publishers "Botev. The Name of the Myth" by Inna Peleva Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 1000	
Lachezar Minchev Publishers Collection of Bulgarian Poetry Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 1000	
Otechestvo Publishers Poetry by L. Mchlemova and I. Petrova Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 1600	
Literature Association of Veliko Turnovo "Sveta Gora" Almanac Veliko Turnovo, Bulgaria		899 500 leva

International Exchange

Alek Popov Short-term specialization course in Wane University Detroit, USA	$ 500	
Aneta Dancheva Translation of Dutch poetry Amsterdam, The Netherlands		546 620 leva
Kiril Merdzanski International literary meeting "The Waves of Three Seas" Rodos, Greece	$ 60	511 635 leva
Dimitar Kambourov Specialization course in House of the Science for Men Vienna, Austria	$ 140	
Ivan Borislavov Translation of contemporary French poetry Paris, France		709 730 leva
Rada Panchovska Translation of Bulgarian poetry into Spanish Tarazona, Spain		762 730 leva
Margarita Kurkchieva International conference on translation Slovakia	$ 100	
Georgi Gospodinov Zagreb literary days Zagreb, Croatia	$ 150	
Kristin Trendafilova Zagreb literary days Zagreb, Croatia	$ 150	

Seminars and Conferences in Bulgaria

University of Sofia German Studies Department International conference "Heine and Europe" Sofia, Bulgaria		120 000 leva

Scholarships

Scholarships for ten talented students Gymnasium for Ancient Languages and Cultures Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 180	

Equipment Donations

Bulgarian Academy of Sciences Institute for Bulgarian Language Donation of server and network configuration Sofia, Bulgaria	$ 4000	

Publishing Projects Abroad

VEDA Publishers — 871 853 leva
"Bulgarian Divine Book" by Anatol Anchev and
"Bulgarian Female Rituals" by Georg Kraev
USA

Periodicals

Bulgarian Academy of Sciences — 2 149 200 leva
Institute for Bulgarian Language
Journal "Bulgarian Language"
Sofia, Bulgaria

"Ah, Maria" Journal — $ 500
Anthology Issue
Sofia, Bulgaria

Ivan Teofilov — $ 4000
"Seasons" Journal
Sofia, Bulgaria

"Rodna Rech" Journal — $ 320
Publishing of the journal
Sofia, Bulgaria

Project Expenses

Association of Bulgarian Writers — $ 17 000 — 920 551 leva
Institutional support
Sofia, Bulgaria

Free Poetic Society — $ 14 000
Institutional support
Sofia, Bulgaria

Irina Nedeva — $ 736
Interviews and preparatory work on
a book on Evgenii Silianov
Paris, France

Vladimir Georgiev — $ 600
Literary performance "10 Clips"
Sofia, Bulgaria

Union of Bulgarian Translators — $ 140
Annual awards for translation
Sofia, Bulgaria

Rossen Nikolov — $ 100
European award for essay
Madrid, Spain

Bulgarian Academy of Sciences — $ 300
Institute for Bulgarian Language
"Dictionary of Foreign Words in Bulgarian"
Sofia, Bulgaria

Viliona Kaneva — 292 000 leva
Preparatory work on
"Audio Panorama of Bulgarian Culture"
Sofia, Bulgaria

"Art without Limits" Foundation and — 763 785 leva
"13 Centuries Bulgaria" Fund
International literary meeting
"Balkan Decameron"
Gabrovo, Bulgaria

Initiative committee on Yavorov's jubilee — $ 1000
Jubilee of Yavorov
Sofia, Bulgaria

Projects carried out by the Program

Bulgarian-English / English-Bulgarian — 982 506 leva
Glossary of Publishing Terms
(in cooperation with IBD – London)

Roumen Shivachev — 1 790 350 leva
Research project on Dr. Krastev
Sofia, Bulgaria

National Museum of Literature — $ 84
Purchase of the Dimo Kiorchev Archive
Sofia, Bulgaria

Svetlozar Igov — $ 500
Research project in Bulgarian literature
Sofia, Bulgaria

Exhibition of the archive of Nikolai Pavlovich — 56 300 leva
Sts. Cyril and Methodius National Library
Sofia, Bulgaria

Project "Bulgarian Studies Centers" — 75 796 leva
Donation of Bulgarian books for
the Bulgarian Studies Centers abroad
Sofia, Bulgaria

"Pubwatch" – Directory of organizations — 100 000 leva
supporting book publishing in
East and Central Europe

Cultural Periodicals

Literaturen Vestnik Weekly — $ 6000

Vitamin B Magazine — $ 2000

Literaturen Forum Ltd. — $ 6000

Panorama Journal — $ 1500

Severniak Newspaper — $ 1000

Literaturna Misal journal — $ 1200

Literaturata Journal — $ 800

Bulgarski Mesechnik Monthly — $ 8000

"Et cetera" Arts Almanac — $ 1500



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Over the course of the year the clubs had to face two great challenges. First of all, the urgent need to distribute nearly US $70,000 worth of humanitarian aid, that called for a swift and adequate reaction and solid experience in raising and distributing donations. This placed the clubs in a situation in which they had to prove themselves as a working network, capable of handling difficult and uncommon problems.

The second challenge was that the clubs had to plan their long-term development. In their everyday work all of the clubs performed three types of activities: they distributed donations, initiated and carried out projects, and organized typical club forums of expression and communication. To this uniform pattern, however, each club has added its own accents and highlights: an effort to combine the philosophy of the open society with specific local needs and interests. At the Open Society Clubs in Bourgas, Gabrovo, Pleven, Plovdiv, Rousse, Sliven, Varna, and Velingrad, the process of self-identification was stimulated by a planned theoretical and practical training in self-evaluation and strategic planning. The seminars were initially led by experts from the United States and taken over by Bulgarian specialists. This encouraged the clubs to reevaluate their strategies and outline the main goals for their development until the year 2000. This important transition was made possible with the financial and institutional support of the Open Society Foundation – Sofia and the Charles Stuart Mott Foundation of the USA.

Throughout the year, the Open Society Clubs managed to raise a significant amount of additional funds to support projects of local and regional importance. This enhanced their role as a sustainable form of cooperation between the official authorities, local business circles and the NGO sector in their respective towns and regions.

Open Society Club – Blagoevgrad

In 1997 the club in Blagoevgrad received US $25,400 from the Open Society Foundation – Sofia for its program activities and initiatives. Being a new club, it quickly arranged its priorities and focussed on developing a small number of programs addressing specific local problems. The club gave emphasis to medicine and healthcare, education, civil society development and economic reform. The Blagoevgrad Theater Festival '97, the seminar on "The Role of NGOs in Local Economic and Social Development" and the rest of the projects that received additional funding from the Open Society Foundation – Sofia were carried out successfully, enhancing the role of the club in the local community.

Open Society Club – Bourgas

The year 1997 was very successful for the club in Bourgas. In addition to the US $47,000 provided by the Open Society Foundation – Sofia for club activities and initiatives, the club raised almost as much by applying to the Foundation's funds and programs with projects. Support was offered to the traditional Emil Chakarov Music Festival and the master classes at the Apollonia Arts Fair. An initiative of the club resulted in the organization of the Theater in a Suitcase International Drama Festival, which was held in Bourgas for the first time.

The club also contributed to interesting projects in support of civil society development and economic progress. The series of lectures and discussions "Denominations in Bulgaria: History, Conflicts and Contacts" enjoyed enormous interest among the young people in the community. Equal significance was given to the project for the creation of a Youth Business Center in the town. The joint project of the Open Society Clubs in Rousse and Bourgas for the drafting of a law and concept on the development of free trade areas in Bulgaria stirred active public debate.

Open Society Club – Gabrovo

In 1997, the Open Society Club – Gabrovo received a grant of US $47,600 from the Foundation, which was distributed in support of youth programs and projects in culture, education and the arts. The Open Society Foundation – Sofia financed the 13th International Biennial of Humor and Satire, a traditional event for the town. In September the club hosted the Balkan Youth Festival, which promoted active dialogue and cooperation among state institutions and NGOs developing children and youth programs in the region. The project for the establishment of an advisory center for abused women and children moved into the next stage of its development. The Open Society Club – Stara Zagora joined the project by organizing two summer camps for children from the two towns' orphanages, in an effort to facilitate their social integration.

Open Society Club – Pleven

In 1997, the Foundation supported the activity of the Pleven club with US $33,500. The club financed projects in healthcare, ecology, education and culture, and cooperated extensively with the Open Society Foundation – Sofia and the Dreyfus Foundation of the USA. The series of health seminars organized by the club throughout the year paved the way for the establishment of a Health Information and Advisory Center in the town.

The club provided local ecological NGOs, municipal officials and journalists with an opportunity to establish contacts and plan future joint activities with the Dutch ecological organization "Milieu Contact."

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Pleven office of the Union of Bulgarian Artists, the club financed a catalogue featuring artists from the region.

Open Society Club – Plovdiv

The 1997 budget of the Open Society Club – Plovdiv amounted to US $52,000. The oldest club in Bulgaria continued to support education, culture, medicine and the development of civil society. Faithful to tradition, the club financed the International Verdi Festival and the "Two Are Too Few, Three Are a Crowd" International Puppet Theater Festival.

The new enterprise of the club for 1997 was the establishment of a Political Academy for Regional Development, which aims at creating a sustainable mechanism of communication among the members of Parliament representing the region, the local authorities and the community.

International cooperation was one of the main priorities of the club for 1997: the club joined the CIVICUS organization and was actively involved in the preparation of the European Month of Culture, which will be held in Plovdiv in 1999.

Open Society Club – Rousse

In 1997 the Open Society Club – Rousse allocated the grant of US $37,000 donated by the Foundation to local initiatives and projects in culture, education, civil society development and the media. Some of the club's projects succeeded in raising additional financing from the different funds and programs of the Open Society Foundation – Sofia. The club supported the traditional "March Music Days" International Festival, and carried out a project on "Bulgarian and Romanian Cultural Dimensions Before and After the Change," financed under the Regional East-East Program of the Open Society Institute – Budapest.

The joint project of the Rousse club and the local Tempo Radio, called "Saturday, 10 o'clock," enjoyed remarkable interest in the community. Under this project, leading Bulgarian and foreign intellectuals, politicians and public figures invited by the club answer listeners' questions in the studio of Tempo Radio.

The establishment of an Information, Advisory and Training Center for NGOs from Rousse and the surrounding region enhanced the role of the club in the local NGO community.

Open Society Club – Sliven

In 1997 the club received US $36,000 from the Open Society Foundation – Sofia, which was allocated to projects in local development, civil society development, economic reform and education. The club was very active in raising additional funds for its activity. A National Ecological Assembly was organized in Sliven with the financial support of municipal councils from all over the country. The forum brought together government and municipal officials, representatives of the local business community and the NGO sector. The traditional Summer Drama University was also supported by several donors (the Open Society Foundation – Sofia, the Soros Center for the Arts, the Cultural Center of the Royal Dutch Embassy, the Culture Newspaper, and the Avanstsena Foundation).

The popularity of the club increased in 1997, as a result of the favorable image that its members have managed to create throughout the five years since the establishment of the club. The club published a monthly bulletin and a directory of NGOs active in the Sliven region, and organized a series of consultations on NGO problems.

The School Elections Project carried out by the club contributed to the legal training of secondary and high school students in Sliven.

Open Society Club – Smolyan

The club in Smolyan is one of the newly-established Open Society Clubs in Bulgaria. However, its members were very active in 1997, and carried out projects in economic reform and civil society development. In addition to the core budget of US $29,500 received by the Open Society Foundation – Sofia, the club raised US $26,500 for six projects financed by different funds and programs of the Foundation.

The club cooperated with the Smolyan Chamber of Commerce in the establishment of a Regional Business Information Center in the local community. The international activity of the club included meetings with representatives of the local government, NGO sector and business circles from the town of Xanthi, Greece. A program for the development of small- and medium-size enterprise financed by the club contributed to the growth of the textile industry in the region.

In 1997 Smolyan was chosen to host the pilot microlending program, which will start in 1998.

Open Society Club – Stara Zagora

In 1997 the Open Society Foundation – Sofia supported the activity of the club with US $29,800, which was allocated to projects in education, culture and the arts, medicine, ecology and civil society development. The club established a Civil Academy, and organized several meetings with leading political scientists and politicians.

The Open Society Club – Stara Zagora supported the 30th Festival of Opera and Ballet, the First "Vienna Classics" National Piano Competition, the Third National Competition for Children's Songs, and the First Fairy Tale Festival. The club cooperated with the Open

Society Club in Gabrovo on a joint project aiming to facilitate the social integration of the children from the orphanages in the two regions.

On Christmas eve, the club presented its annual awards for contribution in the field of culture.

Open Society Club – Varna

In 1997 the Open Society Club in Varna received from the Open Society Foundation – Sofia a core budget of US $61,500, which was allocated to projects in local development, civil society, education, culture, medicine and healthcare. The club supported many events that have become traditional for the town: the "Love is a Folly" International Film Festival and the International Festival of Children and Youth Films. Thirteen projects carried out by the club received additional funding under the different funds and programs of the Open Society Foundation – Sofia. They included international cultural and scientific forums such as the "Varna Summer" Music Festival, the Biennial of Graphics, the First Pontus Congress, and others.

In addition to supporting local projects, the club in Varna undertook the difficult task of consolidating the efforts of active local NGOs and bringing them together in the Varna United NGOs Association. The project included a poll on the image of civil organizations in the region and a series of seminars on regional development issues and cooperation with the central and local governments.

Open Society Club – Veliko Turnovo

In 1997 the Open Society Club – Veliko Turnovo tried to expand its activities beyond the purely academic initiatives characteristic to this town hosting one of the leading universities in the country. The club popularized its philosophy and spheres of activity through the local newspaper "Svetlik" and cooperated with other NGOs, thus enhancing its role in the local community.

One of the most significant projects carried out in 1997 was the First "Hope for the Balkans" International Forum, which brought together 150 talented children from seven Balkan countries for a festival of music, dance, painting and literature. Another event that attracted the attention of the public was the conference "Bulgarian Orthodox Church: History and Present-day Development." The club also supported the Second International Festival of Ecology-related Films.

The budget of the Open Society Club – Veliko Turnovo for 1997 amounted to US $36,600.

Open Society Club – Velingrad

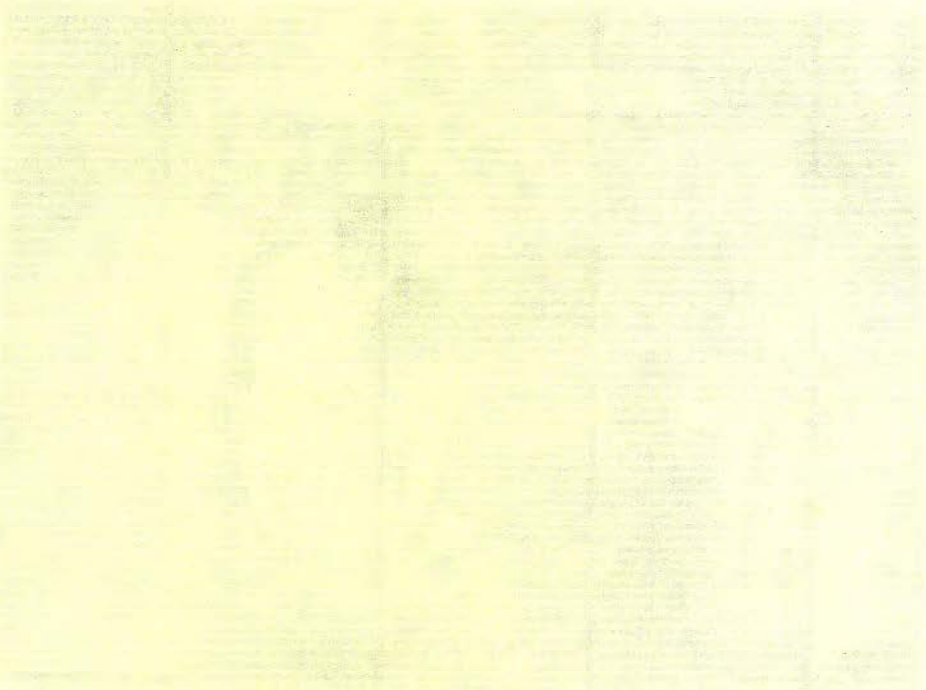
In 1997 the club received US $30,000 from the Open Society Foundation – Sofia, which was allocated to projects in culture, education and civil society development. The club cooperated with the local municipality in the organization of the traditional Culture Fair, which brought together young Bulgarian artists. The Art Fund of the club was enriched with seven paintings by participants in the forum.

In 1997 the Open Society Club – Velingrad initiated an Ecological Festival that it hopes will become a tradition for the town. Many of the projects carried out by the club in 1997 aimed at relieving the strains in the life of the orphans in the region.

Open Society Club – Vratsa

Over the course of the year the club emerged as an important factor in the economic and public life of the town and the region. The active involvement of the club team and the ambitious program activity resulted in a number of projects in civil society development, education, economic growth, and healthcare. The club supported a summer camp for high-school students, promoting the values of civil society among young people. The initiatives of the club were popularized in a special addendum to the weekly business newspaper "Chance Express." The club financed a research project on the economic potential of the region and sponsored and Anti-AIDS campaign.

The budget of the club for 1997 amounted to US $42, 500.





The Open Society Information Centers around the country are established and develop in cooperation with local NGOs: the Open Society Clubs throughout the country, the Students Open Society Club – Shoumen, the "Trakia – J" Foundation of Dimitrovgrad, the Ecohorizonti Foundation of Silistra, and the American University in Bulgaria.

Open Society
Information Centers

In its efforts to support the development of democratic, tolerant and open individuals and institutions, the Open Society Foundation – Sofia places a significant importance upon free and wide access to information, and encourages people and organizations for its effective use.

This goal is addressed by the Foundation's Information Center and the national network of 17 Open Society Information Centers in Blagoevgrad, Bourgas, Dimitrovgrad, Gabrovo, Pleven, Plovdiv, Rousse, Shoumen, Silistra, Sliven, Smolyan, Stara Zagora, Varna, Veliko Turnovo, Velingrad, Vidin and Vratsa, established over the last seven years.

The activity of the OSF Information Center is structured along several priority areas:

- Information Services and Consultancy:
  - # Programs of the Open Society Foundation – Sofia and its affiliated organizations;
  - # Opportunities offered by other Bulgarian and international organizations;
  - # Education in Bulgaria and abroad;
  - # NGO development;
  - # European and international programs open for Bulgaria;
  - # Library;
- National Network of Open Society Information Centers;
- Electronic and printed publications of the Open Society Foundation;
- Public Relations.

Information Services and Consultancy

Services promoting the activities of the Open Society Foundation – Sofia, affiliated organizations, as well as opportunities of other Bulgarian and international organizations

The Open Society Information Centers throughout the country offer information on the activities of the Open Society Foundation – Sofia and its affiliated organizations: the Soros Center for the Arts – Sofia, the Open Society Clubs in Bulgaria, the Open Society Institute, and the Soros Foundations network around the world. The centers also inform on programs of other organizations in Bulgaria and abroad, which provide projects funding and cooperation, education and training.

The Open Society Information Centers advise applicants on existing opportunities for professional development and offer technical assistance in project preparation.

The main trends in the development of the advising services in 1997 were:

- An increase in the volume of information on the project funding and cooperation opportunities open for Bulgarian individuals and organizations;
- Development of the outreach and regional activities of the Open Society Information Centers.

Activities and Partnership

Two new Open Society Information Centers were created in 1997 in cooperation with the Open Society Clubs in Veliko Turnovo and Stara Zagora. Shared efforts of the OSF Information Center and the American University in Bulgaria resulted in the development of the activities of an existing AUBG information center in Vidin to join the Open Society Information Centers network.

The numerous proposals for the establishment of new information centers in different regions of the country confirm the demand for even wider access to information services and consultancy. Since the network has reached its optimum size, efforts were focused on the development of outreach and regional activities. Some successful initiatives in Lovetch, Troyan, Kazanluk, Devin, Zlatograd, Nedelino, Pazardzhik, Razgrad, and Byala provide a good example of this priority.

Statistical data on the information and consultancy services provided by the Open Society Information Centers

• Individual advising sessions	more than 30,000
• Group advising sessions and presentations	52 in 18 towns
• Program announcements and funding opportunities	more than 120

Over the course of the year the Open Society Information Centers distributed information on the activities and opportunities provided by the following organizations:

Fonds international pour la promotion de la culture, UNESCO, France

Institut fuer Kulturwissenschaft, Austria

The Organizing Committee for the Toyamura International Sculpture Biennial, Japan

The Johns Hopkins University, USA

NGO Consultants Association, Bulgaria

House of Humor and Satire,Gabrovo, Bulgaria

Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, Harvard University, USA

Inter Europa Bank, Italy

International Management Center, Hungary

National Forum Foundation, USA, Hungary

Slovak University of Technology and Academy of Fine Arts and Design, Slovakia

The Pollock-Krasner Foundation, Inc., USA

Academy of Fine Arts and Design, Slovakia

Unites States Information Agency, Sofia

Central and East European Economic Research Center, Poland

Institute on East Central Europe, Columbia University, USA

Diplomatische Academie Wien, Austria

Institut fuer die Wissenschaften von Menschen, Austria

The Economics Institute, Boulder, Colorado, U.S.A.

European Association for International Education, The Netherlands

Northeastern Center for Paper Conservation, Andover, Massachusetts, USA

Hamburg Museum of the Arts, Germany

Democracy Network Program, Bulgaria

Institute for Sustainable Communities, USA

International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX), USA

Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates, USA

Linguistics Institute, Hungarian Academy of Science, Hungary

European University Institute, Italy

Academy of European Law, Italy

Council of Europe, France

The Elizabeth Greenshields Foundation, Canada

Civil Society Development Foundation, Bulgaria

College of Europe in Bruege, Belgium

Center for European Studies, Sofia, Bulgaria

Visiting Arts, London, UK

Regional Performing Arts Program of the Open Society Institute – Budapest, Hungary

Oesterreichische Botschaft, Sofia, Bulgaria

Machida City Museum of Graphic Arts, Tokyo, Japan

Future for Bulgaria Foundation, Sofia, Bulgaria

International Sts. Cyril and Methodius Foundation, Sofia, Bulgaria

Embassy of Japan, Sofia, Bulgaria

Film Festival Hanover, Germany

Asocijacija "Apostrof", Yugoslavia

Studio Electronic Media Interpretation, Germany

Bauhaus Dessau Foundation, Germany

Ministry of Industry, Bulgaria

Institute for International Studies, Standford University, USA

Stara Zagora Municipality, Bulgaria

Museum of Literature, Stara Zagora, Bulgaria

Galerie 761, Czech Republic

London Studio Center, United Kingdom

Chisenhale Dance Space, United Kingdom

Greenwich Dance Agency, United Kingdom

Yorkshire Dance Centre;United Kingdom

Centre for Contemporary Arts, Glasgow, United Kingdom

Crescent Arts Centre, Belfast, United Kingdom

MAGASIN – Center National d'Art Contemporain de Grenoble, France

Cooperating Dutch Foundations for Central and Eastern Europe, The Netherlands

Union of Bulgarian Foundations and Associations, Bulgaria

The Robert S. McNamara Fellowship Programs, World Bank Headquarters, USA

The Royal Society, United Kingdom

The Bulgarian-American Commission for Educational Exchange "Fulbright"

British Council, Sofia, Bulgaria

The British Foreign and Commonwealth Office, United Kingdom

Oesterreichisches Ost- und Suedosteuropa Institut Aussenstelle Sofia (OSI AST Sofia), Bulgaria

WRO 97 Media Art Biennial, Poland

Open Studio, Poland

European Cultural Foundation, The Netherlands

Ministry of Education and Science, Bulgaria

Department of Information and Library Studies, Loughborough University, United Kingdom

Regional Publishing Center, Open Society Institute – Budapest, Hungary

Hungarian Association of Alternative Theaters, Budapest

"Stripburger" Magazine – Youth Handicapped Deprivileged Association, Slovenia

Curriculum Resource Center CEU, Hungary

CEU-SUN, Hungary

Commonwealth Projects Foundation, Bulgaria

"Minalo" Magazine, Bulgaria

ICCROM, Italy

The Warburg Institute, United Kingdom

Deutscher Bundestag, Germany

Universitaet Bonn, Germany

Deutsche Botschaft, Bulgaria

1997 ACE Programme Management, Belgium

ACE-Phare, Belgium

Georgetown University, USA

Charles University, Czech Republic

University of Manchester, UK

King Baudouin Foundation, Belgium

European Cultural Foundation, The Netherlands

Ecoles Normales Superieures, France

Embassy of France, Sofia, Bulgaria

Open Society Institute – New York, USA

Foundation for Art and Creative Technology (FACT)

Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy, Greece

The Philip Morris Institute, Belgium

European Roma Rights Center, Hungary

Regional Library Program of the Open Society Institute – Budapest, Hungary

BBC Center – Sofia, Bulgaria

Nova Musica Association, Bulgaria

American Austrian Foundation, the Cornell University Medical College – New York, USA

Library of Congress, USA

Open Society Institute – New York, USA

Soros Centers for Contemporary Arts Network

Ohio Arts Council, USA

Kettering Fund, USA

Trust for Mutual Understanding, USA

Gulliver's Clearing House, The Netherlands

New Bulgarian University, Bulgaria

The Amsterdam Maastricht Summer University, The Netherlands

Oxford University, United Kingdom

Foundation Marcel Hicter, Brussels, Belgium

Warwick University, United Kingdom

English Speaking Union, Bulgaria

Centre National de Recherche Scientifique, France

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, France

Centre International d'Etudes Pedagogiques de Sevre, France

American Research Fund, USA

The Duke University, USA

Higher Education Support Program (HESP), Hungary

Civic Education Project Foundation, Hungary

Presentations of the activities of the Open Society Foundation – Sofia and its affiliated organizations by the network of Open Society Information Centers:

- **Blagoevgrad**
  - # Presentation of the OSF Scholarships Fund at the Southwestern University;
  - # Presentation of the OSF Universities Fund and the Research Support Scheme at the American University in Bulgaria and the Southwestern University;
  - # Presentation of the Soros Center for the Arts – Sofia;
- **Bourgas**
  - # Programs of the Open Society Institute – Budapest;
  - # Libraries Fund;
  - # Civil Society Fund;
  - # Scholarships Fund;
- **Gabrovo**
  - # Regional East-East Program;
  - # Open Education Center;
- **Pleven**
  - # Internet Program;
  - # Media Program;
- **Plovdiv**
  - # Raina Kabaivanska Charity Fund;
  - # Regional East-East Program;
  - # Educational Programs for the Roma Community: a meeting of NGO representatives from the region and visitors from the Open Society Institute – Budapest and the Open Society Foundation – Sofia;
  - # Local Government Reform: Presentation of an initiative of the Open Society Institute – Budapest;
  - # Libraries Fund: with the participation of representatives of the Union of Bulgarian Librarians and OSF grantees to the U.S. Library of Congress;
  - # State and Law Fund;
  - # Soros Center for the Arts – Sofia;
- **Silistra**
  - # Media Program;
- **Sliven**
  - # Regional East-East Program;
  - # Open Program;
  - # Improving Interethnic Relations: a joint program of the Open Society Foundation – Sofia and the King Baudouin Foundation of Belgium;
  - # Media Program;
  - # Foreign Language Teaching Program;
- **Smolyan**
  - # Open Program;
  - # Civil Society Fund;
  - # Soros Center for the Arts – Sofia;

- **Stara Zagora**
  - # Internet at the End of 20th Century: a presentation of the OSF Internet Program;
  - # Literature Program of the Soros Center for the Arts – Sofia;
  - # Media Program;
  - # Foreign Language Teaching Program;
  - # Libraries Fund;
  - # Medicine and Healthcare Fund;
- **Shoumen**
  - # Foreign Language Teaching Program;
  - # Scholarships Fund;
  - # International Exchange Fund
  - # Central European University.
- **Varna**
  - # Art and culture programs of the Open Society Institute;
  - # Medicine and healthcare programs of the Open Society Institute;
  - # Medicine and Healthcare Fund;
  - # Central European University;
- **Veliko Turnovo**
  - # Regional East-East Program;
  - # Media Program;
  - # Foreign Language Teaching Program;
  - # Civil Society Fund;
  - # Scholarships Fund;

Education Section

The Open Society Information Centers throughout the country provide information and specialized advising services on education and professional development opportunities in Bulgaria and abroad. Students wishing to continue their education receive professional assistance in choosing the right educational institution, using specialized directories and electronic databases, and preparing their applications. The information centers have a rich collection of reference publications on world educational systems, universities and higher education institutions, as well as on the application procedures and requirements for Bulgarian citizens.

Many Bulgarian and international educational institutions and organizations announce their scholarships, competitions, seminars and other educational opportunities through the network of Open Society Information Centers.

The main trends in the development of the educational advising services in 1997 were:

- Provision of wider access to information on Bulgarian higher education institutions;
- To present the activities of Bulgarian and international organizations that support educational exchange.

Statistical data on the information and advisory services provided by the Open Society Information Centers:

• Individual advising sessions	20,357
• Group advising sessions and presentations	28 in 13 towns
• Number of participants in group advising sessions and presentations	2,009
• Specialized information requests	485

Activities and Partnership

In an effort to promote education and professional development opportunities in Bulgaria and abroad, and to publicize the activities of organizations that support educational exchange, the Open Society Information Centers organize presentations to high school and university students, parents and professors. In 1997 the Centers held more than 30 presentations in cooperation with the following organizations:

- Oesterreichisches Ost- und Suedosteuropa Institut Aussenstelle Sofia (OSI AST Sofia), Bulgaria;
- American University in Bulgaria;
- American College of Sofia, Bulgaria;
- SAGE Association for Global Development, Rousse, Bulgaria;
- Civic Alternative for Development Association, Devin, Bulgaria;
- British Council – Sofia, Bulgaria;
- Bourgas Free University, Bulgaria;
- The Bulgarian-American Commission for Educational Exchange "Fulbright", Sofia, Bulgaria;
- Shoumen Employment Bureau, Bulgaria;
- Sts. Cyril and Methodius University of Veliko Turnovo, Bulgaria;
- Georgi Benkovski Military Institute, Dolna Mitropolia, Bulgaria;
- Haus am Meiberg Educational Society, Bourgas, Bulgaria;
- Friends of Germany Association, Gabrovo, Bulgaria;
- Economic University of Varna, Bulgaria;
- United States Information Agency, Sofia, Bulgaria;
- Peace Corps, Pleven, Bulgaria;
- Sts. Cyril and Methodius International Foundation and its information centers in Bourgas, Plovdiv and Varna, Bulgaria;
- Smolyan Youth Center, Bulgaria;
- Education Museum, Gabrovo, Bulgaria;

- German Educational Center, Varna, Bulgaria;
- "University Application Fair" Association, Sofia, Bulgaria;
- Law Students' Union at the Sts. Cyril and Methodius University of Veliko Turnovo, Bulgaria;
- Students' Open Society Clubs in Veliko Turnovo and Shoumen, Bulgaria;
- Open Education Center, Razgrad, Bulgaria;
- Geo Milev English Language High School, Bourgas; Geo Milev English Language High School, Rousse; Acad. Nikola Obreshkov High School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, Bourgas; Geo Milev High School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, Pleven; Hristo Botev Secondary School, Devin; Sts. Cyril and Methodius Humanitarian High School, Veliko Turnovo; Prof. Assen Zlatarov Foreign Language High School, Veliko Turnovo; and others in Bulgaria.

Presentations in the field of education, organized by the Open Society Information Centers:

- **Bourgas:**

Presentation of the Electronic Guide on Bulgarian Higher Education at the Bourgas Free University;

Application procedures for American universities held at Geo Milev English Language High School;

Presentation of educational opportunities in Bulgaria and abroad and the information and advising services of the Open Society Information Centers held at High School of Mathematics;

Opportunities for admission to international Master's degree programs held at Bourgas Free University;

Higher education opportunities in Bulgaria and abroad: requirements, procedures, tests, sources of information, held in cooperation with the information center of Sts. Cyril and Methodius International Foundation;

- **Gabrovo**

Participation in the "University Application Fair '97";

International education opportunities held at the Museum of Bulgarian Education;

Education opportunities in Austria and Germany;

- **Pleven**

Presentation of the Electronic Guide on Bulgarian Higher Education to teachers, school directors and educational institutions;

Higher education opportunities in Bulgaria, the United Kingdom and the United States;

- **Plovdiv**

Presentation of the American College of Sofia;

Higher education opportunities abroad: Austria, France, the United Kingdom and the United States: in cooperation with the Eastern and Southeastern Europe Institute of

Austria, the British Council in Sofia and the information center of Sts. Cyril and Methodius International Foundation in Plovdiv;

- **Rousse**

Internet for International Education: a seminar conducted as a part of the First Festival of UNESCO Affiliated Schools in Bulgaria;

Presentation of the American University in Bulgaria;

Presentation of the Economic University in Varna;

- **Shoumen**

Participation in the "University Application Fair '97," in cooperation with the Shoumen Employment Bureau;

Opportunities for higher education in Bulgaria, Western Europe and the United States;

- **Silistra**

Educational opportunities offered by the Open Society Information Center – Silistra, and the Open Society Foundation – Sofia;

- **Smolyan**

Higher education opportunities in Bulgaria: information sessions in Devin and Zlatograd;

Professional development and higher education opportunities in Bulgaria and abroad: information sessions in Smolyan and Devin, in cooperation with the Smolyan Youth Center, the Civic Alternative for Development Association in Devin and Hristo Botev High School, Devin;

- **Stara Zagora**

Higher education opportunities in Bulgaria and abroad;

Participation in the "University Application Fair '97";

Professional development and opportunities for admission to international Master's programs held at Thracian University;

- **Varna**

Participation in the "University Application Fair '97";

Educational opportunities in Austria, Germany and the United States, in cooperation with the information center of Sts. Cyril and Methodius International Foundation, the German Educational Center and the Open Society Information Center – Bourgas;

"Funding for Study Abroad," held in cooperation with the information center of Sts. Cyril and Methodius International Foundation;

- **Veliko Turnovo**

Higher education opportunities in Bulgaria and abroad: requirements, procedures, tests, sources of information;

Opportunities for admission to international Master's programs, held at the Sts. Cyril and Methodius University of Veliko Turnovo;

Information and advisory services in education offered by the Open Society Information Center in Veliko Turnovo: Students Open Society Club – Veliko Turnovo, Law Students Union, Sts. Cyril and Methodius Humanitarian High School, and Prof. Assen Zlatarov Foreign Language High School;

- **Velingrad**

Presentation of the Electronic Guide on Bulgarian Higher Education;

Consultations to prospective university applicants by local teachers on the university application examinations in Bulgarian language and literature;

Project and Products

Higher Education in Bulgaria

The Open Society Foundation – Sofia developed the Electronic Guide on Higher Education in Bulgaria. The information included in the guide is provided directly by each Bulgarian higher education institution.

The electronic version of the guide and a complete reference set of the university catalogs are available in all Open Society Information Centers throughout the year.

Membership in Professional Organizations

- **USIA**

The United States Information Agency provides on an annual basis reference materials and electronic products on education in the United States to the Open Society Information Centers in Varna, Plovdiv and Sofia, and supports the professional development of the foundation's consultants.

- **OSEAS**

The Open Society Information Centers participate in OSEAS, a professional network that facilitates contacts among overseas educational advisers on US education. OSEAS is a section of NAFSA: Association of International Educators, USA.

- **EAIE**

The European Association for International Education is a professional organization supporting the development of international education in Europe. In 1997 the association had 1,300 individual members representing 55 countries. The Open Society Information Center receives all publications of the association, EAIE Annual Conference proceedings, and extensive information on EAIE membership conditions and summer professional development programs.

NGO Section

The NGO Section of the OSF Information Center facilitates the exchange of information within the NGO community by offering a variety of information and advisory services. With its activities, the section supports the institutional development of Bulgarian non-governmental and non-profit organizations, and provides them with opportunities for international cooperation.

In 1997 the NGO Section provided general and specialized consultations on NGO management and organized information sessions publicizing the funding opportunities open for Bulgaria.

Consultations

Total number of organizations serviced 1,632

General Consultations

- Funding opportunities offered by the funds and programs of the Open Society Foundation – Sofia 31.5%
- Funding opportunities offered by Open Society Clubs 20.9%
- Funding opportunities offered by the programs of the Soros Center for the Arts – Sofia 8.8%
- Funding opportunities offered by the Open Education Center Foundation – 8.1%
- Funding opportunities offered by other Bulgarian organizations and institutions 21.8%
- Funding opportunities offered by European and international programs open for Bulgaria 8.9%

Specialized Consultations

Total number 1,431

- Institutional development 35%
- Project development 45%
- Joint projects in cooperation with other Bulgarian organizations or institutions 10%
- Joint projects in cooperation with international organizations or institutions 5.8%
- Humanitarian projects 4.2%

Information services

Funding organizations and institutions in Bulgaria: *567*

- Individual support 25%
- Project financing 43%
- Social support 32%

International funding organizations and institutions:

- Individual support 32%
- Project financing 48%
- Medical treatment abroad 20%

Memberships

● European Foundation Centre, Brussels

As a member of EFC International Orpheus Network, the Information Center continued to provide electronic and printed information on non-profit and non-governmental organizations in more than 25 countries. All the periodic and reference editions of the European Foundation Centre are made available to the Bulgarian NGO community.

● Council on Foundations, Washington, D.C.

The Open Society Foundation – Sofia is the only private Bulgarian organization that has joined the leading American civil structure of non-profit and non-governmental organizations. As a member of the Council on Foundations, the Open Society Foundation – Sofia regularly receives the latest publications on the tendencies in the development of philanthropy around the world, as well as profiles of a large number of American charity organizations developing international programs.

Participation in Forums

● The Fifth International Fundraising Conference, organized by the Union of Bulgarian Foundations and Associations and the International Fundraising Group, November 1997

● Orpheus Program Library and Information Services Training Workshop, Building capacity to Collect, Classify and Disseminate Information on Social Economy, October 1997

● "From Collection to Access to the Information" training session, October 1997

● Funding East Grantmakers Meeting, November 1997

● "The Consultative Process" as an Effective Tool of Grantmaking Process Workshop, Belgium, November 1997

● Annual General Assembly of the European Foundation Centre, Belgium, November 1997

Network of Regional Centers

Through the network of Open Society Information Centers, the NGO Section reached many regional NGOs that benefited from the advisory, information and training services offered by the respective regional Open Society Information Center.

● **Bourgas**

Information session on the application requirements and procedures of the Democracy Network Program; advisory services to local NGOs on project development;

Seminar on "Project Preparation and Fundraising" for NGOs from the region;

Presentation of the activity of the Regional Environmental Center in the local NGO community;

Information meeting promoting the activity of the French EST Association for NGOs active in ecology, culture and youth problems.

- **Gabrovo**

Information session on the application requirements and procedures of the Democracy Network Program; advisory services to local NGOs on project development;

Meeting for regional youth organizations, to discuss opportunities for cooperation and the establishment of a Regional Youth Council;

Third National Students' Open Society Clubs Meeting;

- **Pleven**

Information session on the application requirements and procedures of the Democracy Network Program; advisory services to local NGOs on project development;

Presentation of the Phare Partnership Program and the Electronic Directory of Non-profit Organizations in Bulgaria;

Sociological research on the motivation and willingness of the local community and NGOs to work as volunteers;

Radio broadcast for local NGOs;

Information session for ecological NGOs;

Information session on "Community Participation in Solving the Ecological Problems of the Region".

- **Plovdiv**

Advisory meeting for NGO representatives from the region on the joint Interethnic Relations Program of the Open Society Foundation – Sofia and the King Baudouin Foundation of Belgium;

Information session on the application requirements and procedures of the Democracy Network Program; advisory services to local NGOs on project development;

- **Silistra**

Information session on the application requirements and procedures of the Democracy Network Program; advisory services to local NGOs on project-development;

Constituent Meeting of the NGO Public Council;

- **Sliven**

Information session on the application requirements and procedures of the Democracy Network Program; advisory services to local NGOs on project development;

Publication of a monthly bulletin providing information on the initiatives of the local NGO community and publicizing various funding opportunities;

Directory of NGOs in the Sliven Region;

Presentation of the United Nations Anti-AIDS Program;

Advisory meeting for NGO representatives from the region on the joint Interethnic Relations Program of the Open Society Foundation – Sofia and the King Baudouin Foundation of Belgium;

Two intensive computer training courses for NGO representatives;

Seminar on NGO management;

Fundraising seminar;

Training course in bookkeeping and taxation;

Seminar "Internet at the End of the 20th Century: Basics, Skills, Perspectives";

- **Stara Zagora**

Information session on the application requirements and procedures of the Democracy Network Program; advisory services to local NGOs on project development;

"The NGO sector in Stara Zagora: Forms and Funding Opportunities of Support," a seminar for NGO representatives;

"The Third Sector and the Media," a seminar organized by the Eureka Foundation;

Presentation of the Phare LIEN Program and the program financing humanitarian and social NGO projects and activities;

Publication of a monthly bulletin of regional NGOs.

- **Varna**

Information session on the application requirements and procedures of the Democracy Network Program; advisory services to local NGOs on project development;

Advisory meeting for NGO representatives from the region on the joint Interethnic Relations Program of the Open Society Foundation – Sofia and the King Baudouin Foundation of Belgium;

Information session on the activities of the Union of Bulgarian Foundations and Associations in Varna and the region;

Information session on the application requirements and procedures of the Phare LIEN Program, administered by the Civil Society Development Foundation – Sofia.

- **Veliko Turnovo**

Information session on the application requirements and procedures of the Democracy Network Program; advisory services to local NGOs on project-development;

Two-day seminar on "Strategic Planning and Human Resource Management" for NGOs';

Seminar on "NGOs and the Media";

Meeting of the Law Students' Union on the theme "Bulgarian Legal Practitioners and the European Standards in Law".

- **Velingrad**

Information session on the application requirements and procedures of the Democracy Network Program; advisory services to local NGOs on project development;

Seminar for librarians and NGO representatives on "Project Preparation and Funding Sources in Bulgaria and Abroad".

- **Vratsa**

Information session on the application requirements and procedures of the Democracy Network Program; advisory services to local NGOs on project development;

Seminar on "Opportunities for Cooperation between Local Media and NGOs".

National Projects

• Directory of Non-Profit Organizations in Bulgaria

In 1997, the NGO Section published a new and revised version of the Directory of Non-Profit Organizations in Bulgaria. The electronic version of the directory was also upgraded to provide extended search possibilities and current editing of the data. The printed and electronic versions of the directory are available in all Open Society Information Centers around the country.

• Phare Democracy Microprojects Program 1997

In 1997 the Delegation of the European Commission in Bulgaria contracted the Open Society Foundation – Sofia to administer the 1997 Phare Democracy Microprojects Program.

The OSF Information Center, in cooperation with the network of regional Open Society Information Centers, carried out a 45-day information campaign on the application requirements and procedures of the 1997 Phare Democracy Microprojects Program. The campaign included information sessions, presentations, individual consultations with potential applicants and final advisory sessions.

Statistics:

• organizations registered as potential applicants	850
• individual consultations in project preparation	1,200
• final advisory sessions	280
• projects registered	334

The Open Society Foundation – Sofia will continue to administer the 1997 Phare Democracy Microprojects Program throughout 1998 by offering technical assistance to approved projects, as well as by monitoring and evaluating their development.

European and International Programs Section

The Information Center of the Open Society Foundation – Sofia disseminates information and application forms for the EU Programs Kaleidoscope, ACE, Raphael, LIEN, Ecos Ouverture, and TEMPUS.

In cooperation with Barents Consultants, the section provided application forms for the Phare program in support of small- and medium-size enterprises.

The Royal Dutch Embassy in Sofia and the Information Center of the Open Society Foundation – Sofia disseminated information on the application requirements of the MATRA Program of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as well as the Small Embassies Project, administered by the embassy in Sofia.

Cooperation with the Embassy of Belgium in Sofia resulted in an exhibition of the works of the Belgian photographer Mark Denaye, organized in Plovdiv in March 1997.

A team from Bulgarian National Television filmed a documentary on the accession of the Czech Republic to NATO, thus starting a series of documentaries on the problems, which the countries of Central Europe experience on their way to Euro-Atlantic integration.

Library

Open Society Information Center – Sofia

• Total number of visitors	3,540
• Average number of visitors per month	354
• Total number of consultations offered	4,565
• Total number of materials used	6,918
• Total number of electronic inquiries	648

Open Society Information Centers Network

• Total number of visitors	15,147
• Total number of consultations offered	19,520
• Total number of materials used	13,548
• Total number of electronic inquiries	5,180

Open Society Information Center – Sofia and Open Society Information Centers Network

• Total number of new publications received	79
• Total number of foreign subscriptions	79
• Number of promotional and information materials distributed	10,318

Publications

1997 was the fifth year for the weekly Open Society Information Bulletin and the second for the monthly English-language newsletter "Wide Open." The circulation of the bulletin in Bulgarian reached 3,000, while the English version was received by 1,000 individuals and organizations. Since both bulletins are distributed for free, the Information Center carefully increased the number of subscribers, focusing on organizations able to reach a wide circle of readers.

Special priority was given to the web site of the Foundation and the Internet versions of the bulletins. Thus, subscribers who have access to the Internet will be able to read the bulletins in their electronic versions, and the remaining printed copies will be sent to other organizations.

The series of monographs published by the Information Center included three new publications:

"The Open Society Reconsidered" by George Soros: a translation of an article published in *"The Guardian," "Der Standard," "Die Zeit"* and *"Atlantic Monthly";*

"The Open Society and Russia" by George Soros: a translation of George Soros' speech on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the Open Society Foundation – Russia;

"The Open Society as a Personality Problem" by Bogdan Bogdanov.



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